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The 2022 Draft Budget is accompanied by thirteen ‘Working Documents’, as follows:

**Part I: Programme Statements of operational expenditure**

Working Document I contains, pursuant to Article 41(3)(h) of the Financial Regulation, Programme Statements, which are presenting the 2021-2027 programmes and their performance framework, and provide details on the resources dedicated to each spending Programme for the period 2014-2020.

**Part II: Human Resources of the EU institutions and executive agencies**

Working Document II presents information on the human resources of the EU institutions and executive agencies, and in particular for the Commission, both for the establishment plans and for external personnel and across all headings of the multiannual financial framework. Moreover, pursuant to Article 41(3)(b) of the Financial Regulation, it provides a summary table for the period 2019 – 2022 which shows the number of full-time equivalents for each category of staff and the related appropriations for all institutions and bodies referred to in Article 70 of the Financial Regulation.

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Working Document III presents detailed information relating to all decentralised agencies and Joint Undertakings, with a transparent presentation of revenue, expenditure and staff levels of various Union bodies, pursuant to Article 41(3)(c) of the Financial Regulation.

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Working Document IV presents information on all pilot projects and preparatory actions which have budget appropriations (commitments and/or payments) in the 2022 Draft Budget, pursuant to Article 41(3)(f) of the Financial Regulation.

**Part V: Budget implementation and assigned revenue**

Working Document V presents the budget implementation forecast for 2021, information on assigned revenue (implementation in 2020 and estimation for 2022), and a progress report on outstanding commitments (RAL) and managing potentially abnormal RAL (PAR) for 2020, pursuant to Article 41(3)(d) of the Financial Regulation.

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Working Document XII presents the implementation of Budgetary Guarantees, the Common Provisioning Fund and the assessment of the sustainability of the contingent liabilities arising from budgetary guarantees and financial assistance pursuant to Article 41(5) of the Financial Regulation.

**Part XII: EU Trust funds**

Working Document XII presents the activities supported by EU Trust Funds, their implementation and performance, pursuant to Article 41(6) of the Financial Regulation.

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## **INTRODUCTION**



## ***Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions – The situation in Draft Budget 2022***

Pilot projects (PPs) and preparatory actions (PAs) are an exception to the rule that “[a]ppropriations entered in the budget for any Union action shall only be used if a basic act has been adopted” (Article 58.1 of the Financial Regulation (FR)), and are meant to pave the way for new EU spending programmes and to inspire new legislation. Their main function is therefore to allow the European Parliament (EP), the Council of the European Union (Council) and the European Commission to test new policies without sanctioning them immediately into law.

This report on the PP/PAs provides details of the state of implementation of all those projects and actions, which have budget appropriations in the Draft Budget (DB 2022) – commitments and/or payments.

As the Commission does not propose any PP/PAs under the 2022 budget, there are no new commitment appropriations, only the payments following the commitments have been made in previous years in line with the agreement of the budgetary authority during the respective annual budget procedure.

The Commission has already provided some early information on the planned implementation of all 59 pilot projects and preparatory actions, which are included in the 2021 budget with commitment appropriations in the interim report. This report was presented to the Budgetary Authority on 8 March 2021. For 30 out of the 59 PP/PAs adopted under the 2021 budget, the Commission proposes to also include payment appropriations in 2022 budget. Thus, for these, further details are included in this Working Document at this early stage of the implementation.

### ***Financial Regulation Provisions***

This report is presented by the Commission to the Budgetary Authority in accordance with the provisions of point (f) of Article 41(3) of the Financial Regulation and covers the pilot projects and preparatory actions referred to in Articles 58(2) points (a), (b), 58(3) and 58(4) of the Financial Regulation.

As a general rule, no appropriations may be entered in the budget for any action without the prior adoption of a basic act. However, under article 58(2), the Financial Regulation adds that “..., *the following appropriations may be implemented without a basic act provided the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the competences of the Union:*

*58(2) a) appropriations for pilot projects of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness.*

*58(3) ..., the relevant commitment appropriations may be entered in the budget for not more than two consecutive financial years;*

*58(2) b) appropriations for preparatory actions in the field of application of the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty, designed to prepare proposals with a view to the adoption of future actions.*

*58(4) ..., the preparatory actions shall follow a coherent approach and may take various forms. The relevant commitment appropriations may be entered in the budget for not more than three consecutive financial years. The procedure for the adoption of the relevant basic act shall be concluded before the end of the third financial year. In the course of that procedure, the commitment of appropriations shall correspond to the particular features of the preparatory*

*action with regard to the activities envisaged, the aims pursued and the recipients. As a result, the amount of the appropriations committed shall not correspond to the amount of those envisaged for financing the definitive action itself."*

## **Legal foundations of the Commission' pre- and final assessments of the PP/PA proposals for the 2022 budget**

According to the provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020<sup>1</sup>, Article 11 of Annex I, *"a trilogue shall be convened in due time before the Council's reading, to allow the Institutions to exchange their views on the draft budget."* Therefore, *"in order for the Commission to be able to assess in due time the executability of amendments, envisaged by the European Parliament and by the Council, which create new preparatory actions or pilot projects or which prolong existing ones, the European Parliament and the Council shall inform the Commission of their intentions in that regard, so that a first discussion may already take place at that trilogue."* (Article 12). This early information on the implementability of the list of all potential proposals is the Commission's **pre-assessment**, which is shared with the budgetary authority ahead of the trilogue, which habitually takes place in July.

According to Article 314 (5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union the *"Commission shall take part in the Conciliation Committee's proceedings and shall take all the necessary initiatives with a view to reconciling the positions of the European Parliament and the Council"* on the annual EU budget. Additionally, according to the provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement, Article 20 the Commission shall provide the Conciliation Committee with a set of common documents ('input documents') – amongst others a *"letter of executability from the Commission on the Council's position and the European Parliament's amendments"*. Regarding the PP/PAs, the letter of executability includes a dedicated annex, which provides the **final assessment** on the implementability of those PP/PAs that have been formally adopted by the Parliament as amendments to the Commission's draft budget proposal.

## **Expenditure cycle of a Pilot Project or a Preparatory Action**

The implementation of a pilot project or a preparatory action follows certain steps foreseen by the Financial Regulation. These steps differ according to the procedure to be followed (mainly either procurements or grants). However, before arriving at the first step of the financial procedure, which is the financing decision, the Commission has to prepare the way for the best use of the action or project, and the related appropriations entered in the budget.

Thus, the Commission first analyses the specific objectives and ways of implementing the proposed action and, on this basis, attributes it to the responsible Directorate General. The authorising officer responsible then elaborates a sufficiently detailed framework, as foreseen by the Financial Regulation, in respect of which the financing decision is finally taken. Only when all these prior phases are completed, can the financial implementation start.

A dialogue with the European Parliament can very much contribute to the swift financial implementation of these actions. The success of a pilot project or a preparatory action depends not so much on the speed of the implementation of the commitments or payments, but rather on the sustainability of the results produced,

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<sup>1</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources

the lessons learned and the appropriateness of the project or action as a novel policy testing activity which allows the Commission to determine whether a new legislative proposal might be necessary. After a careful and successful initial analysis, the process thus requires monitoring and evaluation towards the end of a PP or PA. This document thus also informs the budgetary authority about a potential follow-up to a PP/PA.

## ***Statistical trends in pilot projects and preparatory actions in the EU Budget***

The section below presents statistical data on pilot projects and preparatory actions (PP/PAs) adopted under the annual budget over the years 2009-2021.

Since 2009, 862 PP/PAs have been included in the annual EU Budgets.<sup>2</sup> The number of PP/PAs sent for pre-assessment in annual budgetary procedures has increased fivefold during the same period with a record high of proposals reached in 2021: 371 proposals. While the majority of PPs are not proposed for extension in the Parliament's package after the first year (discontinued PPs), PAs are more likely to be proposed to be extended by the Parliament (higher extension rates).

In the 2022 draft budget a total of 302 PP/PA budget lines are included, which means more than 1/4 of all budget lines in the 2022 EU budget would concern pilot projects or preparatory actions, which are managed by the Commission services aside of the normal EU spending programmes.

Since 2009, a total of over EUR 1.27 billion in commitment appropriations (CA) has been allocated to PP/PAs. The average amount of commitment appropriations per PP has gradually decreased due to the increase in numbers of PPs while maintaining a fixed financial ceiling.<sup>3</sup> The amounts of commitment appropriations for discontinued PPs exceed the amount of commitment appropriations spent on extended PPs.

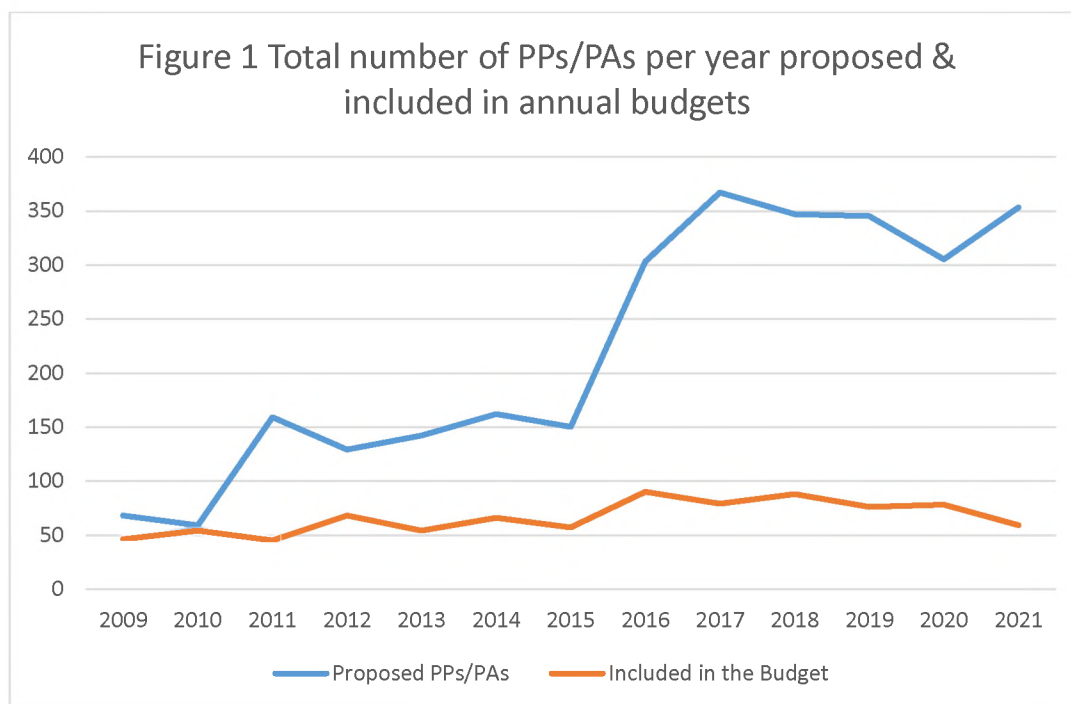
### **Total number of pilot projects and preparatory actions**

Between 2009 and 2020, the number of PPs/PAs adopted in the annual budget has gradually increased (as shown in **Figure 1**), while 2021 saw a decrease again.

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<sup>2</sup> Includes both, one-off and extended PPs/PAs

<sup>3</sup> In line with the relevant provision of the Financial Regulation (FR) the total amount of appropriations for pilot projects shall not exceed EUR 40 000 000 in any financial year (Article 58.3 FR).



**Figure 1 Total number of PPs/PAs per year included in annual budgets**

There are two main tendencies in the development of PP/PAs in the past twelve years: Firstly, the number of PP/PAs proposed during the annual budget procedure has increased considerably: the total amount of proposed PP/PAs increased fivefold in the period of thirteen years with particularly strong increases in the 2011 and 2016 Budget procedures (see also **Figure 1**). Secondly, decoupled from the fivefold increase of PP/PAs proposed, there has only been a gradual increase in the number of PP/PAs adopted: This number *only* about doubled in the analysed period. This relatively lower increase is mainly due to the financing ceilings set out in the Financial Regulation. The number of proposals submitted for pre-assessment however remains extraordinarily high, reaching a new record in 2021, and exceeds the financial limitations multiple times.

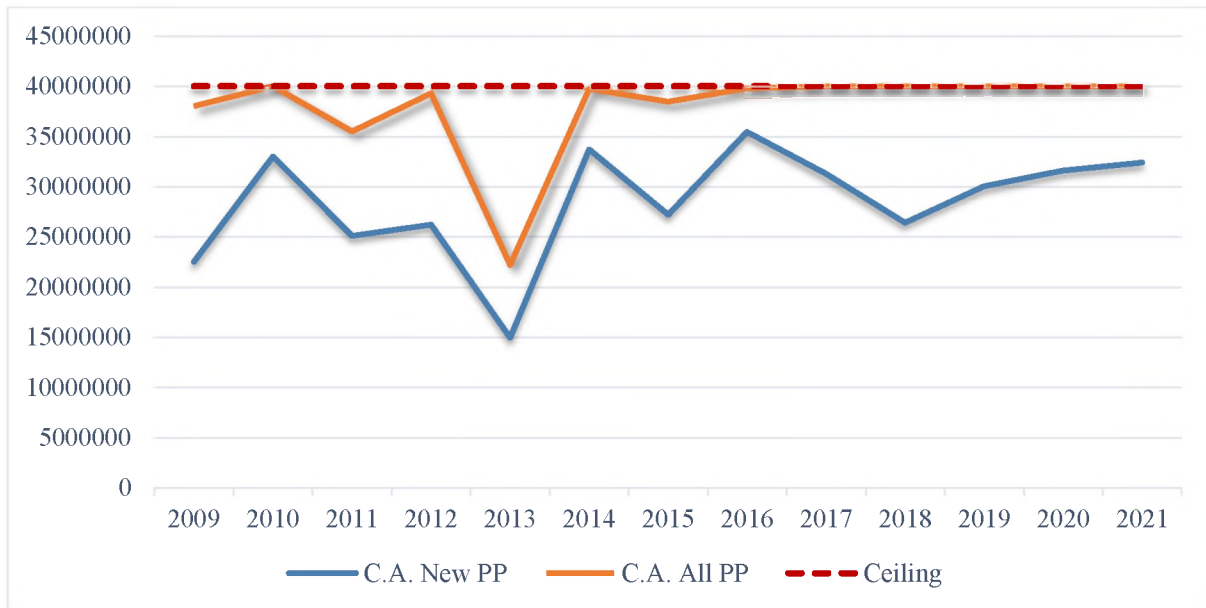
**Table 1** presents the comparative numbers of proposed vs. adopted PP/PAs in more detail.

|                               | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Proposed PPs/PAs</b>       | 68   | 59   | 159  | 129  | 142  | 162  | 150  | 303  | 367  | 347  | 345  | 305  | 353  |
| <b>Included in the Budget</b> | 46   | 54   | 45   | 68   | 54   | 66   | 57   | 90   | 79   | 88   | 76   | 78   | 59   |

*Table 1 Total number of proposed and adopted PPs/PAs between 2009 and 2021*

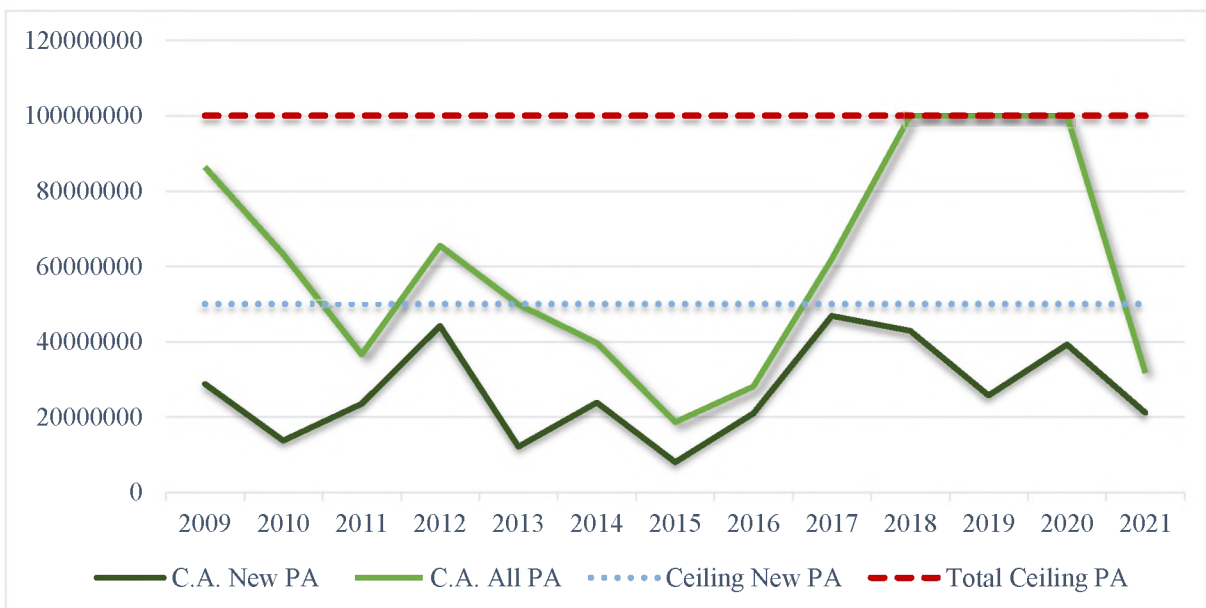
**Commitment appropriations for pilot projects and preparatory actions**

Concerning the financing of PP/PAs, the commitments allocated to PPs were always close to the ceiling of EUR 40 million in the years analysed. In the 2010 and 2018 - 2021 Budgets, they even reached the maximum of EUR 40 million.



*Figure 2 PPs commitment levels and the annual ceiling*

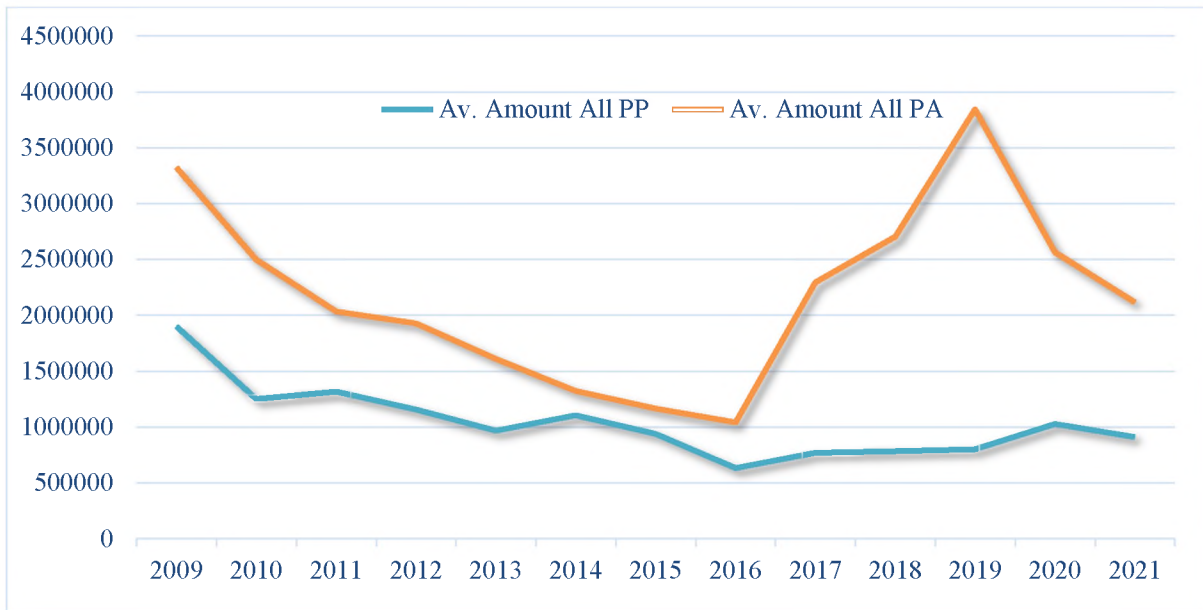
Available funds for PAs were mostly not used to their limit. The 2017 Budget had the highest amount of commitment appropriations (over EUR 46 million), of which EUR 25 million were allocated to a PA for Defence Research launched by the Commission. In 2021, the amount for all PAs has decreased to EUR 31.75 million. **Figure 3** shows similar trends in the total amounts available to PAs.



*Figure 3 PAs commitment levels and the annual ceilings*

**Average amount in commitment appropriations per PP/PA**

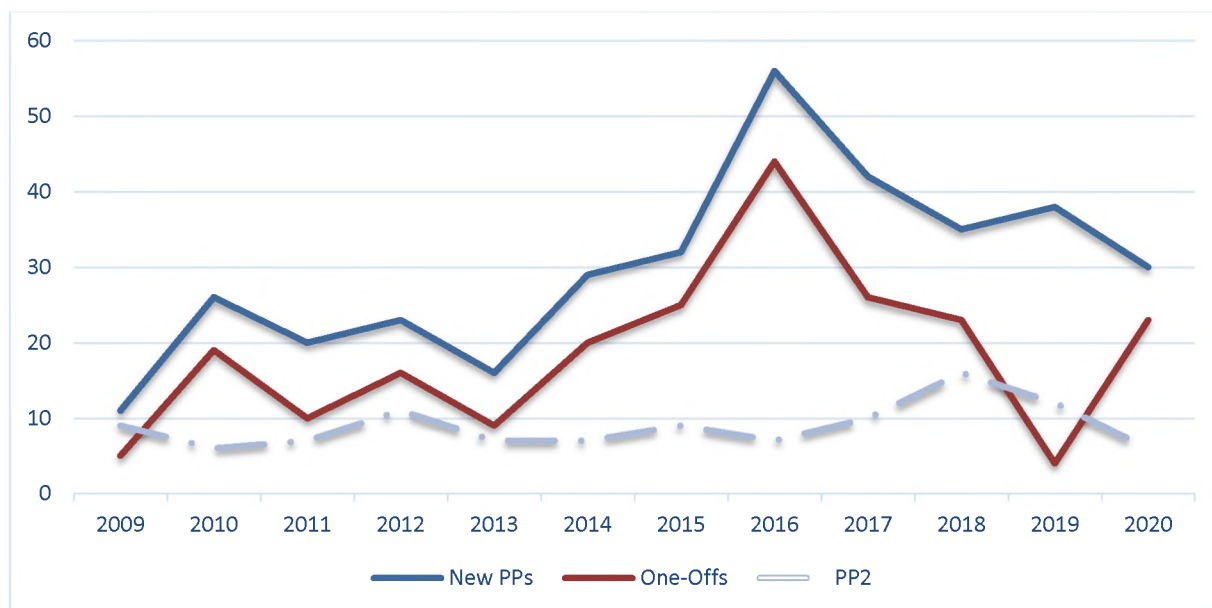
Due to stable limitation of financing available for PP/PAs, the increase in the number of PP/PAs was accompanied by a continuous decrease of the average commitment appropriations per PP/PAs between 2009 and 2016 (**Figure 4**). The substantial increase in the amounts per PA since 2017 is distorted by the high amount of the Defence Research PA. While still higher than in the years 2011 – 2016, the years 2020 and 2021 have seen a decrease in the average amount of commitment appropriations per PA. Since the financial limit of the PPs has been reached virtually every year since 2016, the increase in numbers of PPs has led to a very low average amount per PP.



*Figure 4 Average yearly amount per PP and PA*

## Development of Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions after the first year

According to Art. 58(3) and (4) of the FR, the relevant commitment appropriations may be entered in the budget for not more than two consecutive financial years for PPs and not more than three consecutive financial years in the case of PAs. Almost two thirds of the 328 new PPs launched between 2009 and 2019 were not proposed to be prolonged by the European Parliament (201). The number of newly introduced PPs has risen over time with a slight decrease in the last three years. Nevertheless, the number of projects continuing for a second year remained constant, with a slight increase in the past three years. This indicates that an increasing number of proposals does not lead to a higher extension rate (**Figure 5**).



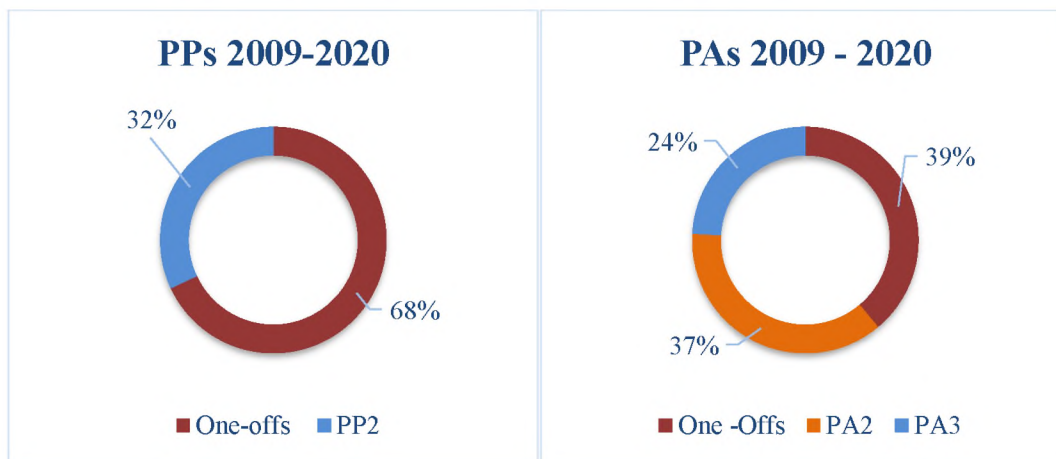
*Figure 5 Number of PPs launched per year*

Whilst the number of newly introduced PPs varied between 11 and 56, the number of continued projects remained between 6 (2009 and 2020) and 16 (2018).

From 2009 to 2020, total of 182 new PAs were introduced by the European Parliament. Of these, 92 actions received commitment appropriations for a second year, while only 52 PAs received appropriations for a third year. Yet almost half of the new PAs (97) were not proposed to be prolonged by the Parliament.

Of the 15 Commission proposed PPs/PAs included in the annual budgets 13 were extended to full maturity (PP 2 or PA 3).

Comparing PPs with PAs (**Figure 6**), the percentage of PAs extended is higher than the percentage of PPs extended. This can probably be explained by the higher complexity and the advanced stage of PAs in comparison to PPs since PAs are ultimately meant to result in the adoption of a new legislative proposal. Overall however, the percentage of PP/PAs brought to full maturity (PP2 or PA3) is much lower (29 %) than the percentage of PP/PAs, which are not proposed to be continued into their final year by the Parliament (71%).



*Figure 6 Number of One-Offs and Extended PPs/PAs for the period 2009-2020*

However, in this respect, the result of a recent informal internal study within the Commission on *Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions with budget allocation bigger than EUR 5 million in the period 2007 – 2020* is interesting.

The purpose of this study was to analyse the implementation and possible follow-up actions of pilot projects and preparatory actions (PP/PAs) with budget allocation higher than EUR 5 million (“big PP/PAs) in the period 2007 – 2020. In relation to the recent tendency of increased number of proposals and their reduced value and quality<sup>4</sup>, this research project aimed to a) analyse whether big PP/PAs reached the desired impact and to what extent they became legislation or were incorporated in current operational programmes and b) assess the added value of the PP/PA in relation to their substantial budget allocation. Overall, the study analysed 27 PP/PAs (4 pilot projects and 23 preparatory actions), spanning over a period of two multiannual financial frameworks (MFF), combining a statistical and a qualitative approach.

The study concluded that more than two-thirds ( $18/25 = 72\%$ ) of the ‘big PP/PAs’ have received the maximum years of extension according to the rules of the Financial Regulation (two consecutive years for PP and three consecutive years for PA)<sup>5,6</sup>.

### **Follow-up to Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions in terms of legislative actions**

In the more recent years, the Commission has increased its efforts to provide more details on the legislative follow-up in the Working Document IV. Thus, the replies to the question “**At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project/action with a legislative proposal?**” have been extended, particularly for PP/PAs, which are more advanced in their implementation. The Working Document now provides more information about the planned legislative follow-up or in case that no follow-up is envisaged, it provides explanations as to why that is the case.

<sup>4</sup> Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions in the EU Budget 2014-2019

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/654474/IPOL\\_STU\(2020\)654474\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/654474/IPOL_STU(2020)654474_EN.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Article 58.4 of the Financial Regulation

<sup>6</sup> Two projects were not included in this analysis, due to their ongoing recent implementation (in 2019 and 2020).



Also in this respect the aforementioned study on ‘big PP/PAs’ is interesting because it found that out of those 18 PP/PA that reached full maturity of the procedure, 14 were successfully followed by some form of legislative action, therefore reaching a relatively high success rate of follow-up action: 77 %. Looking only at PAs, this percentage even increases to 81 %.

However, looking at the particular projects/actions, it cannot be deduced that simply because they have been brought to full maturity, they have had a better chance of becoming legislation. On the contrary, it seems that the casual relation works the other way around – the PP/PA achieved full maturity of implementation because, ahead of the implementation, there was a clear need identified to develop new legislation in the relevant field and sufficient resources were allocated to reach that pre-defined goal.

The study also identified four different categories of *immediate* follow-up action:

- a) new legislative proposals;
- b) continuation of the project/action under the budget of operational programmes;
- c) partial incorporation in existing programmes (elements or ideas of the project/action that were adopted in legislation);
- d) intention for legislative proposal (for two ongoing preparatory actions).

Of the 27 PP/PAs included in the ‘big PP/PA’ study, the majority (30 %) were followed up either with a new legislative proposal or the intention of one. 29 % have become eligible to be funded through existing programmes and 11 % were at least partially included in existing programmes.

Of the remaining PP/PAs not directly followed up, most either informed or later would become eligible under new programmes or instruments.

As a conclusion on the ‘big PP/PAs’, it is important to highlight that even if there is no immediate proposal for new legal basis, very often the outcomes of the projects/actions could be used as partial or non-legislative elements incorporated in programmes or as a basis for developing new policies/programmes at later stage.

## SUMMARY TABLES

**Table 1: Summary table on Pilot projects<sup>7</sup>**

| Budget line | MFF | DG resp. | 2022 | from     | Heading  | 2020 CA   | 2020 PA | 2021 CA   | 2021 PA   | 2022 CA | 2022 PA   |
|-------------|-----|----------|------|----------|--|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| PP 01 18 01 | 1   | CNECT    | Cpp  | B18 - PE | Pilot project — European start-up and scale-up ecosystem graph   |           |         | p.m.      | 178.436   | p.m.    | 178.436   |
| PP 01 19 01 | 1   | GROW     | Cpp  | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Testing retrofit technologies  |           | 629.959 | p.m.      | 419.973   | p.m.    | 419.972   |
| PP 01 19 02 | 1   | GROW     | Cpp  | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Space traffic management   |           | 204.810 | p.m.      | 200.000   | p.m.    | 277.290   |
| PP 01 19 03 | 1   | RTD      | Cpp  | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Identifying impact pathways and developing indicators to track and measure societal impact of EU funded biomedical R&I   |           |         | p.m.      | 245.000   | p.m.    | 132.180   |
| PP 01 19 05 | 1   | CNECT    | Cpp  | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Girls 4 STEM in Europe   |           |         | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m.    | 69.290    |
| PP 01 20 01 | 1   | DEFIS    | Cpp  | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Aviation resilience to GNSS jamming and cyber-threats  | 1.500.000 |         | p.m.      | 450.000   | p.m.    | 600.000   |
| PP 01 20 02 | 1   | DEFIS    | Cpp  | B20 - PE | Pilot project — The use of Galileo and EGNOS to reduce the number of cardiac-arrest-related deaths                                       | 500.000   |         | p.m.      | 150.000   | p.m.    | 200.000   |
| PP 01 20 03 | 1   | CNECT    | Cpp  | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Art and the digital: unleashing creativity for European water management   | 1.000.000 |         | p.m.      | 550.000   | p.m.    | 550.000   |
| PP 01 20 04 | 1   | CNECT    | Cpp  | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Inclusive web accessibility for persons with cognitive disabilities (web inclusiveness: access for all)                  | 900.000   |         | p.m.      | 640.000   | p.m.    | 240.000   |
| PP 01 21 01 | 1   | GROW     | PP2  | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Feasibility study on reduction of traffic-related particulate emissions by means of vehicle-mounted fine dust filtration |           |         | 1.500.000 | 375.000   | p.m.    | 750.000   |
| PP 01 21 02 | 1   | ENER     | PP2  | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Support service for citizens led renovation projects   |           |         | 1.000.000 | 250.000   | p.m.    | 300.000   |
| PP 01 21 04 | 1   | DIGIT    | PP2  | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Europe-wide solutions for Free and Open Source Software use by Public Services in the EU                                 |           |         | 500.000   | 125.000   | p.m.    | 375.000   |
| PP 01 21 05 | 1   | GROW     | PP2  | B21 - PE | Pilot project — European entrepreneurial E-learning platform helping SMEs to adapt to the current context                                |           |         | 400.000   | 100.000   | p.m.    | 240.000   |
| PP 02 17 01 | 1   | MOVE     | Cpp  | B17 - PE | Pilot project — Raising Awareness of alternatives to private car   |           | 328.839 | p.m.      | 459.717   | p.m.    | 306.478   |
| PP 02 17 03 | 1   | MOVE     | Cpp  | B17 - PE | Pilot project — Single European Sky (SES) airspace architecture  |           | 110.444 | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m.    | 356.897   |
| PP 02 18 02 | 1   | MOVE     | Cpp  | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Pan-European road safety awareness campaign  |           | 178.215 | p.m.      | 178.215   | p.m.    | 237.620   |
| PP 02 18 04 | 1   | ENER     | Cpp  | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market                                |           |         | p.m.      | 250.000   | p.m.    | 290.000   |
| PP 02 19 03 | 1   | ENER     | Cpp  | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Covenant of Mayors as an instrument to tackle energy poverty   | 1.698.830 |         | p.m.      | 1.248.000 | p.m.    | 1.134.649 |

<sup>7</sup> PP1 – pilot project first year; PP2 – pilot project second year; Cpp – completion pilot project

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|-------------|---|-------|-----|----------|---|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| PP 02 19 04 | 1 | CNECT | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — EU-wide Programming Contest   |           | 141.932 | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 77.201    |
| PP 02 19 05 | 1 | CNECT | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Integrated digital service platform for citizens and business   |           | 218.389 | p.m.      | 262.500   | p.m. | 436.778   |
| PP 02 20 01 | 1 | ECFIN | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Model social impact approaches to social housing and empowerment of Roma: testing the use of innovative financial instruments for better social outcomes                          |           |         | 1.800.000 | 950.000   | p.m. | 800.000   |
| PP 02 20 02 | 1 | MOVE  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Eco labelling for aviation / Demonstration project for the introduction of a voluntary Green Label system in Aviation   | 1.500.000 | 816.600 | p.m.      | 1.125.000 | p.m. | 96.900    |
| PP 02 20 04 | 1 | MOVE  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Revitalisation of cross-border night trains   | 446.600   |         | p.m.      | 375.000   | p.m. | 71.600    |
| PP 02 20 05 | 1 | MOVE  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Capacity for the greening of European sea ports   | 300.000   |         | p.m.      | 225.000   | p.m. | 75.000    |
| PP 02 20 06 | 1 | ENER  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Energy communities repository – Monitoring and support for energy communities in the Union  | 1.000.000 |         | p.m.      | 250.000   | p.m. | 500.000   |
| PP 02 20 07 | 1 | ENER  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Engaging companies for energy transition  | 875.000   |         | 875.000   | 437.500   | p.m. | 437.500   |
| PP 02 20 08 | 1 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Developing artificial intelligence (AI) for diagnosis and treatment of paediatric cancer  | 1.000.000 |         | 1.350.000 | 837.500   | p.m. | 1.165.000 |
| PP 02 20 09 | 1 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Smart urban mobility involving autonomous vehicles  | 1.000.000 |         | p.m.      | 750.000   | p.m. | 500.000   |
| PP 02 20 10 | 1 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Developing a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda and a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030                                | 1.800.000 |         | 1.000.000 | 1.150.000 | p.m. | 1.040.000 |
| PP 02 20 11 | 1 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Support for increased cooperation between industry, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) and Member State authorities for the swift removal of child sexual abuse material online | 1.000.000 |         | p.m.      | 800.000   | p.m. | 174.050   |
| PP 02 21 01 | 1 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Completing the green and digital transitions: a European Green Digital Alliance   |           |         | 1.200.000 | 300.000   | p.m. | 450.000   |
| PP 02 21 02 | 1 | MOVE  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Enabling sustainable Management and Development of Ports in the Rhine-Main-Danube basin   |           |         | 1.600.000 | 400.000   | p.m. | 1.200.000 |
| PP 02 21 03 | 1 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Fostering digitisation of public sector and green transition in Europe through the use of an innovative European GovTech platform   |           |         | 1.500.000 | 375.000   | p.m. | 450.000   |
| PP 02 21 04 | 1 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — RESTwithEU  |           |         | 1.000.000 | 250.000   | p.m. | 500.000   |
| PP 02 21 05 | 1 | MOVE  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Sustainable rural mobility for Covid-19 resilience and support of ecotourism  |           |         | 1.000.000 | 250.000   | p.m. | 750.000   |
| PP 02 21 06 | 1 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Smart Industrial Remoting: remote working in non-digitalized industries   |           |         | 550.000   | 137.500   | p.m. | 275.000   |
| PP 02 21 07 | 1 | JUST  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Smart Contracts — European standards for automated transaction protocols executing contracts  |           |         | 350.000   | 87.500    | p.m. | 87.500    |
| PP 02 21 08 | 1 | MOVE  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Single European Railway Area — Prototype Corridor   |           |         | 600.000   | 150.000   | p.m. | 450.000   |

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|                          |   |       |     |          | Munich-Verona  |           |         |           |           |      |           |                   |
| PP 02 21 09              | 1 | MOVE  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — IRS Smart Cities Project: New Railway Station concept for green and socially inclusive Smart Cities  |           |         | 700.000   | 175.000   | p.m. | 525.000   |                   |
| PP 02 21 10              | 1 | MOVE  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Effect of energy efficient and solar power generating vehicles on grid capacity and charging infrastructure  |           |         | 3.500.000 | 875.000   | p.m. | 2.625.000 |                   |
| PP 03 18 01              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Enhancing internationalisation capacity through European networks of SMEs  |           |         | p.m.      | 470.594   | p.m. | 296.195   |                   |
| PP 03 18 02              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Independent on-road real-driving emissions (RDE) testing to ensure broad information and transparency for better market surveillance   |           | 116.250 | p.m.      | 1.022.909 | p.m. | 871.662   |                   |
| PP 03 18 03              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold in the single market   |           | 602.823 | p.m.      | 315.000   | p.m. | 315.000   |                   |
| PP 03 19 01              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Quality of service in tourism  | 350.000   |         | p.m.      | 230.970   | p.m. | 230.970   |                   |
| PP 03 19 02              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Satellite broadband internet access for bringing educational multimedia content to unconnected schools   |           | 474.846 | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 474.846   |                   |
| PP 03 19 03              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Closing data gaps and paving the way for pan-European fire safety efforts  |           | 188.505 | p.m.      | 441.000   | p.m. | 251.340   |                   |
| PP 03 19 06              | 1 | JUST  | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Limiting dual quality and strengthening consumer organisations in the Union  |           | 948.652 | p.m.      | 252.000   | p.m. | 49.479    |                   |
| PP 03 20 01              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Smart destinations   | 1.000.000 |         | p.m.      | 300.000   | p.m. | 118.800   |                   |
| PP 03 20 02              | 1 | GROW  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Assessing the challenges and opportunities for market surveillance activities in relation to new technologies and the digital supply chain                                     | 250.000   |         | 90.000    | 172.500   | p.m. | 78.000    |                   |
| PP 03 20 03              | 1 | FISMA | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Feasibility study for a European asset registry in the context of the fight against money laundering and tax evasion   | 400.000   |         | p.m.      | 200.000   | p.m. | 200.000   |                   |
| PP 03 20 04              | 1 | SANTE | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Welfare of dairy cattle, including measures to protect unweaned dairy calves and end-of-career animals   | 950.000   |         | p.m.      | 285.000   | p.m. | 285.000   |                   |
| PP 03 20 05              | 1 | SANTE | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Best practices for transitioning to higher welfare cage-free egg production systems  | 750.000   |         | p.m.      | 225.000   | p.m. | 225.000   |                   |
| PP 03 21 02              | 1 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Media Ownership Monitor  |           |         | 500.000   | 425.000   | p.m. | 650.000   |                   |
| PP 03 21 03              | 1 | TAXUD | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Monitoring the impacts of free zones and guidelines for future modernisation in light of the European Green Deal   |           |         | 300.000   | 75.000    | p.m. | 225.000   |                   |
| <b>Heading 1 - Total</b> |   |       |     |          |  |           |         |           |           |      |           | <b>23.615.633</b> |
| PP 05 17 01              | 2 | REGIO | Cpp | B17 - PE | Pilot project — European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects with genuine added value for the region as a whole |           | 410.531 | p.m.      | 675.000   | p.m. | 257.773   |                   |

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|-------------|---|-------|-----|----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| PP 05 20 01 | 2 | REGIO | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Promoting city partnerships on a global scale for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda of the United Nations with particular emphasis on cooperation on issues and policies relating to the circular economy as well as on issues of air quality, energy transition and the integration of migrants and refugees | 1.500.000 |           | p.m.      | 750.000   | p.m. | 725.000   |
| PP 05 20 02 | 2 | REGIO | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — BEST Culture: programme to support cultural diversity in Union outermost regions and overseas countries and territories  | 1.000.000 |           | p.m.      | 500.000   | p.m. | 400.000   |
| PP 07 18 02 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Exchange of media 'rising stars' to speed up innovation and increase cross-border coverage ('Stars4media')   |           | 1.282.757 | p.m.      | 1.349.621 | p.m. | 524.928   |
| PP 07 18 03 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Media councils in the digital era  |           | 313.953   | p.m.      | 250.000   | p.m. | 87.492    |
| PP 07 18 04 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Internship for journalists working in non-European minority languages  |           | 340.614   | p.m.      | 350.000   | p.m. | 170.308   |
| PP 07 18 07 | 2 | HOME  | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Terrorism victim response coordination centre  |           |           | p.m.      | 300.000   | p.m. | 399.430   |
| PP 07 19 01 | 2 | EAC   | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Measuring the cultural and creative industries in the Union  |           | 69.893    | p.m.      | 105.000   | p.m. | 69.893    |
| PP 07 19 03 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Platform(s) for cultural content innovation  |           | 324.959   | p.m.      | 311.400   | p.m. | 66.948    |
| PP 07 19 05 | 2 | EAC   | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — A first step towards a European framework for mobility for makers  |           |           | p.m.      | 69.922    | p.m. | 69.922    |
| PP 07 19 07 | 2 | EAC   | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Jewish Digital Cultural Recovery Project   | 490.000   | 98.000    | p.m.      | 441.000   | p.m. | 196.000   |
| PP 07 20 02 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Developing and trialling an infrastructure for mechanisms to protect children's rights in the online domain on the basis of the GDPR and other Union legislation relevant to children in the online domain   | 1.500.000 | 8.640     | p.m.      | 592.000   | p.m. | 1.036.000 |
| PP 07 20 03 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Union grants for small-scale online media: supporting high-quality news products and tackling fake news  | 2.200.000 |           | p.m.      | 1.100.000 | p.m. | 1.100.000 |
| PP 07 20 04 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Integrity of social media  | 900.000   |           | p.m.      | 450.000   | p.m. | 450.000   |
| PP 07 20 06 | 2 | CNECT | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — A European public sphere: a new online media offer for young Europeans   | 2.500.000 |           | 2.000.000 | 1.750.000 | p.m. | 2.250.000 |
| PP 07 21 01 | 2 | EAC   | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Building investigative capacity to better fight doping in sport in Europe  |           |           | 1.500.000 | 375.000   | p.m. | 858.000   |
| PP 07 21 02 | 2 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — European Narrative Observatory to fight Disinformation post-COVID19  |           |           | 1.200.000 | 300.000   | p.m. | 600.000   |
| PP 07 21 03 | 2 | REGIO | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Cross-Border Crisis Response Integrated Initiative (CB-CRII)   |           |           | 1.600.000 | 400.000   | p.m. | 800.000   |
| PP 07 21 04 | 2 | EMPL  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health  |           |           | 1.000.000 | 250.000   | p.m. | 350.000   |
| PP 07 21 05 | 2 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Understanding the value of a European gaming society   |           |           | 450.000   | 112.500   | p.m. | 225.000   |

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|--------------------------|---|-------|-----|----------|---|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------------|
| PP 07 21 07              | 2 | EMPL  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — BIG (Basic Income Guarantee) E-pay cards for marginalised people: innovative financial and policy instrument to promote the more effective delivery of welfare benefits for people in extreme poverty |           |         | 2.000.000 | 500.000   | p.m. | 800.000           |
| PP 07 21 08              | 2 | CNECT | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Media representation and inclusion for refugees and migrants  |           |         | 500.000   | 125.000   | p.m. | 250.000           |
| PP 07 21 09              | 2 | COMM  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Temporary citizens' assemblies: transforming societal consensus into a way of acting and establishing best practices to engage citizens more in EU public life  |           |         | 2.000.000 | 500.000   | p.m. | 450.000           |
| PP 07 21 14              | 2 | COMM  | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — BELE – Building Europe with Local Entities  |           |         | 800.000   | 200.000   | p.m. | 180.000           |
| <b>Heading 2 - Total</b> |   |       |     |          |   |           |         |           |           |      | <b>12.316.694</b> |
| PP 08 18 01              | 3 | MARE  | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Ocean Literacy for All  |           | 253.374 | p.m.      | 761.000   | p.m. | 506.748           |
| PP 08 19 01              | 3 | AGRI  | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Developing a farmers' toolbox for integrated pest management practices from across the Union  | 1.875.000 |         | p.m.      | 1.462.500 | p.m. | 1.870.324         |
| PP 08 19 02              | 3 | AGRI  | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Establishing an operational programme: structuring the agri-food sectors to safeguard the handing-on of family farms and the sustainability of local agriculture                                      | 640.000   |         | p.m.      | 922.780   | p.m. | 422.500           |
| PP 09 16 05              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B16 - PE | Pilot project — Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions   |           |         | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 100.000           |
| PP 09 17 01              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B17 - PE | Pilot project — Mapping and assessing the state of ecosystems and their services in the outermost regions and overseas countries and territories: establishing links and pooling resources                            |           | 399.996 | p.m.      | 769.725   | p.m. | 285.000           |
| PP 09 17 04              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B17 - PE | Pilot project — Establishing regional or local platforms on coexistence between people and large carnivores focused on key actions for large carnivores in areas with high levels of conflict                         |           | 149.994 | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 199.992           |
| PP 09 18 03              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Map of solutions, best practices and remedies for Lindane pesticide waste decontamination in the Union  |           | 491.173 | p.m.      | 982.346   | p.m. | 491.173           |
| PP 09 18 04              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Assessing, identifying, sharing and disseminating best practices for the humane management of invasive alien species  |           | 149.969 | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 350.000           |
| PP 09 18 06              | 3 | CLIMA | Cpp | B18 - PE | Pilot project — Nature-based solutions for climate and water pollution mitigation in agricultural regions   |           |         | p.m.      | 280.000   | p.m. | 280.000           |
| PP 09 19 01              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Development of a European label for Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV)   |           |         | p.m.      | 141.141   | p.m. | 188.188           |
| PP 09 19 04              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B19 - PE | Pilot project — Invasive alien species: improvement of understanding and communication  |           |         | p.m.      | 262.500   | p.m. | 612.500           |
| PP 09 20 01              | 3 | ENV   | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Making the Iron Gate dams passable for Danube sturgeon  | 2.000.000 |         | p.m.      | 600.000   | p.m. | 800.000           |

|                        |   |      |     |          |   |         |  |         |         |      |            |
|------------------------|---|------|-----|----------|---|---------|--|---------|---------|------|------------|
| PP 09 20 02            | 3 | ENV  | Cpp | B20 - PE | Pilot project — Improving guidance and knowledge sharing between land managers, conservationists and local communities to preserve cultural heritage landscapes under and outside Natura 2000 | 439.881 |  | p.m.    | 131.965 | p.m. | 131.965    |
| PP 09 21 03            | 3 | MOVE | PP2 | B21 - PE | Pilot project — Assessing Options for use of hydrogen in shipping   |         |  | 180.000 | 45.000  | p.m. | 135.000    |
| Heading 3 - Total      |   |      |     |          |   |         |  |         |         |      | 6.373.390  |
| Pilot Projects - Total |   |      |     |          |   |         |  |         |         |      | 36.782.554 |

**Table 2: Summary table on Preparatory actions <sup>8</sup>**

| Budget line | M FF | DG resp. | 2022 | from     | Heading   | 2020 CA        | 2020 PA       | 2021 CA   | 2021 PA       | 2022 CA | 2022 PA   |
|-------------|------|----------|------|----------|---|----------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------|-----------|
| PA 01 16 02 | 1    | CNECT    | Cpa  | B16 - PE | Preparatory action — REsearch (Research excellence innovation framework) — Enhancing the competitiveness of the European Research Area by increasing communication among researchers, citizens, industry and policymakers |                |               | p.m.      | 499.232       | p.m.    | 499.232   |
| PA 01 19 01 | 1    | GROW     | Cpa  | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — Preparing the new EU GOVSATCOM programme   |                | 1.456.34<br>1 | p.m.      | 3.000.00<br>0 | p.m.    | 5.543.659 |
| PA 01 20 01 | 1    | CNECT    | PA3  | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Art and the digital: Unleashing creativity for European industry, regions and society  | 1.800.00<br>0  |               | 1.500.000 | 1.185.00<br>0 | p.m.    | 990.000   |
| PA 01 21 01 | 1    | JRC      | PA2  | B21 - PE | Preparatory action — Advancing evidence for policy at EU, regional and local level  |                |               | 1.500.000 | 375.000       | p.m.    | 850.000   |
| PA 02 18 01 | 1    | ENER     | Cpa  | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition   | 17.745.1<br>00 | 984.673       | p.m.      | 7.153.90<br>0 | p.m.    | 6.100.000 |
| PA 02 19 01 | 1    | MOVE     | Cpa  | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — User-friendly information tool on urban and regional vehicle access regulation schemes   | 1.000.00<br>0  |               | p.m.      | 1.500.00<br>0 | p.m.    | 1.191.232 |
| PA 02 20 01 | 1    | ENER     | PA3  | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Teaching island authorities and communities how to tender for renewable energy projects  | 1.999.85<br>0  | 92.641        | p.m.      | 500.000       | p.m.    | 538.644   |
| PA 02 20 02 | 1    | ENER     | PA3  | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Strengthening cooperation on climate action  | 2.000.00       |               | p.m.      | 500.000       | p.m.    | 1.000.000 |

<sup>8</sup> PA1 – preparatory action first year; PA2 – preparatory action second year; PA3 – preparatory action third year; Cpa – completion preparatory action



|                          |   |       |     |          |  |           |           |           |           |      |                   |
|--------------------------|---|-------|-----|----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------------|
|                          |   |       |     |          | among villages in the Union and beyond through the creation of a rural identity within the Covenant of Mayors  | 0         |           |           |           |      |                   |
| PA 02 20 03              | 1 | CNECT | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in the digital transformation of public administrations in Europe: a European platform of regions  | 850.000   |           | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 255.000           |
| PA 02 20 04              | 1 | CNECT | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Smart local administration drawing on the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, virtual reality and machine learning tools to get closer to the citizen  | 1.000.000 |           | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 300.000           |
| PA 03 18 01              | 1 | GROW  | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Culture Europe: Promoting Europe's treasures  |           |           | p.m.      | 1.100.000 | p.m. | 600.000           |
| PA 03 18 02              | 1 | GROW  | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — World Bridge Tourism  |           | 810.000   | p.m.      | 900.000   | p.m. | 450.000           |
| PA 03 18 04              | 1 | GROW  | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Speeding up industrial modernisation by improving support for pan-European demonstration facilities — 3D printing   |           | 159.804   | p.m.      | 160.000   | p.m. | 239.707           |
| PA 03 18 05              | 1 | GROW  | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Cir©Lean: Business-enabling network for SMEs in the Union to utilise circular economy business opportunities  |           |           | p.m.      | 357.405   | p.m. | 476.540           |
| PA 03 19 01              | 1 | GROW  | Cpa | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — Reducing youth unemployment — setting up co-operatives to enhance working opportunities in the Union  |           | 888.928   | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 249.069           |
| PA 03 20 01              | 1 | GROW  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Global / Achieve Leadership in Entrepreneurship and Cooperation Opportunities   | 2.200.000 |           | p.m.      | 1.540.000 | p.m. | 937.324           |
| PA 03 20 02              | 1 | GROW  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Independent on-road real driving emissions (RDE) testing to ensure broad information and transparency for better market surveillance  | 999.681   |           | p.m.      | 500.000   | p.m. | 399.872           |
| PA 03 20 04              | 1 | TAXUD | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — EU Tax and Financial Crimes Observatory — Capacity building to support Union policymaking in the area of taxation   | 1.200.000 | 300.000   | 1.200.000 | 1.200.000 | p.m. | 900.000           |
| PA 03 20 05              | 1 | JUST  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the internal market  | 900.000   |           | 900.000   | 495.000   | p.m. | 450.000           |
| <b>Heading 1 – Total</b> |   |       |     |          |  |           |           |           |           |      | <b>21.970.279</b> |
| PA 05 20 01              | 2 | REGIO | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities spin-off  | 1.200.000 |           | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 240.000           |
| PA 05 20 02              | 2 | REGIO | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — The European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects supporting multilevel governance and partnerships with added value for the region | 900.000   | 159.999   | p.m.      | p.m.      | p.m. | 215.560           |
| PA 07 17 01              | 2 | EMPL  | Cpa | B17 - PE | Preparatory action — Child Guarantee Scheme / Establishing A European child guarantee and financial support  |           | 8.099.342 | p.m.      | 5.000.000 | p.m. | 750.000           |

|                          |   |       |     |          |   |            |           |           |            |      |                   |
|--------------------------|---|-------|-----|----------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------|-------------------|
| PA 07 18 01              | 2 | EAC   | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — DiscoverEU: Free travel pass for Europeans turning 18  | 25.000.000 | 9.171.274 | p.m.      | 12.799.967 | p.m. | 14.890.197        |
| PA 07 18 02              | 2 | EAC   | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Exchanges and mobility in sport  | 1.500.000  | 2.050.105 | p.m.      | 992.798    | p.m. | 707.794           |
| PA 07 18 04              | 2 | EAC   | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Music Moves Europe: Boosting European music diversity and talent   | 2.500.000  | 1.230.360 | p.m.      | 1.395.000  | p.m. | 946.894           |
| PA 07 19 02              | 2 | CNECT | Cpa | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — Cinemas as Innovation hubs for local communities   | 1.500.000  | 1.198.336 | p.m.      | 1.300.000  | p.m. | 695.000           |
| PA 07 19 03              | 2 | EAC   | Cpa | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — Monitoring and coaching, through sports, of youngsters at risk of radicalisation   | 1.000.000  | 1.761.777 | p.m.      | 827.938    | p.m. | 472.462           |
| PA 07 19 05              | 2 | EAC   | Cpa | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — Recognition of school study periods abroad   |            |           | p.m.      | 166.474    | p.m. | 166.474           |
| PA 07 19 06              | 2 | EAC   | Cpa | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — Sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees   | 1.750.000  | 2.841.251 | 2.000.000 | 1.685.500  | p.m. | 1.402.231         |
| PA 07 19 07              | 2 | JUST  | Cpa | B19 - PE | Preparatory action — Capacity building, programmatic development and communication in the context of the fight against money laundering and financial crimes        | 750.000    |           | p.m.      | 525.000    | p.m. | 800.000           |
| PA 07 20 01              | 2 | CNECT | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Media councils in the digital age  | 500.000    |           | p.m.      | 200.000    | p.m. | 175.000           |
| PA 07 20 02              | 2 | EAC   | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Grassroots sports programmes and infrastructure innovation   | 1.500.000  | 858.149   | 2.000.000 | 1.155.500  | p.m. | 1.182.364         |
| PA 07 20 03              | 2 | EAC   | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Finance, Learning, Innovation and Patenting for Cultural and Creative Industries (FLIP for CCIs)   | 1.486.635  |           | p.m.      | 750.000    | p.m. | 743.318           |
| PA 07 20 04              | 2 | EAC   | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Protecting the Jewish Cemeteries of Europe: a full mapping process with research and monitoring and individual costed proposals for protection | 1.200.000  |           | p.m.      | 360.000    | p.m. | 360.000           |
| PA 07 20 05              | 2 | EAC   | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Bottom-up policy development for culture and well-being in the Union   | 500.000    |           | p.m.      | 200.000    | p.m. | 200.000           |
| PA 07 21 01              | 2 | CNECT | PA2 | B21 - PE | Preparatory action — European media platforms   |            |           | 6.000.000 | 1.500.000  | p.m. | 4.784.000         |
| PA 07 21 02              | 2 | CNECT | PA2 | B21 - PE | Preparatory action — A Europe-wide rapid response mechanism for violations of press and media freedom   |            |           | 1.950.000 | 487.500    | p.m. | 1.560.000         |
| PA 07 21 03              | 2 | CNECT | PA2 | B21 - PE | Preparatory action — Writing European   |            |           | 3.000.000 | 750.000    | p.m. | 1.800.000         |
| PA 07 21 04              | 2 | CNECT | PA2 | B21 - PE | Preparatory action — Emergency support fund for investigative journalists and media organisations to ensure media freedom in the EU                                 |            |           | 1.800.000 | 450.000    | p.m. | 1.440.000         |
| <b>Heading 2 - Total</b> |   |       |     |          |   |            |           |           |            |      | <b>33.531.294</b> |
| PA 08 18 01              | 3 | AGRI  | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Smart rural areas in the 21st century  |            | 689.289   | p.m.      | 1.690.000  | p.m. | 2.777.766         |

|                                    |   |      |     |          |   |               |           |      |               |      |                   |
|------------------------------------|---|------|-----|----------|---|---------------|-----------|------|---------------|------|-------------------|
| PA 08 20 01                        | 3 | MARE | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Charter of Good Practices for Cruises  | 1.000.00<br>0 |           | p.m. | 750.000       | p.m. | 200.000           |
| PA 09 18 01                        | 3 | ENV  | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Operationalising capacity building for programmatic development and mapping objectives in the field of environmental taxation and budgetary reform |               |           | p.m. | 135.000       | p.m. | 243.370           |
| PA 09 20 01                        | 3 | ENV  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — EU pollinator monitoring and indicators  | 5.000.00<br>0 |           | p.m. | 1.500.00<br>0 | p.m. | 1.500.000         |
| PA 09 20 02                        | 3 | ENV  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Environmental monitoring through honey bees  | 3.000.00<br>0 | 2.000.000 |      | 1.400.00<br>0 | p.m. | 1.500.000         |
| PA 09 20 03                        | 3 | ENV  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Measuring the pulse of European biodiversity using the Red List Index  | 2.285.98<br>1 |           | p.m. | 720.000       | p.m. | 685.795           |
| PA 09 20 04                        | 3 | ENV  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Promoting alternatives to animal testing   | 1.800.00<br>0 | 320.000   | p.m. | 250.000       | p.m. | 600.000           |
| PA 09 20 05                        | 3 | ENV  | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — Creation of a European drought resilience and adaptation observatory   | 1.500.00<br>0 | 250.000   | p.m. | p.m.          | p.m. | 850.000           |
| <b>Heading 3 - Total</b>           |   |      |     |          |   |               |           |      |               |      | <b>8.356.931</b>  |
| PA 12 20 01                        | 5 | HOME | PA3 | B20 - PE | Preparatory action — EU-coordinated Darknet monitoring to counter criminal activities   | 2.000.00<br>0 |           | p.m. | p.m.          | p.m. | 400.000           |
| <b>Heading 5 - Total</b>           |   |      |     |          |   |               |           |      |               |      | <b>400.000</b>    |
| PA 20 18 01                        | 7 | SG   | Cpa | B18 - PE | Preparatory action — Linked open data in European public administration   |               | 498.213   | p.m. | 610.089       | p.m. | 100.000           |
| <b>Heading 7 - Total</b>           |   |      |     |          |   |               |           |      |               |      | <b>100.000</b>    |
| <b>Preparatory Actions - Total</b> |   |      |     |          |   |               |           |      |               |      | <b>64.385.504</b> |

## **PILOT PROJECTS**

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 18 01: Pilot project — European start-up and scale-up ecosystem graph

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 178 436 | p.m.    | 178 436 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 178 436 | p.m.    | 178 436 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this pilot project is to investigate the growth potential of various start-ups and scaleups ecosystems, in a dynamic way, based on socio-economic data gathered through effective and reliable data collecting and processing methods. Specifically, it will:

- configure an existing top data platform to showcase in a visual and public way the details by country, industry, year, permitting the download of automatically generated reports;
- acquire socio economic data and establish methodologies that offer access to the European start-ups and scaleups ecosystem graph until FOURTH QUARTER OF 2021;
- create the first EU mapping of the deep tech hubs with the highest potential for scaling up in the EU.

In 2020 the project has:

- launched the interactive European Start-ups platform that allows users to compare various ecosystem metrics between the 27 EU Member States;
- published four topical thematic reports assessing the status quo and showcasing the entrepreneurial potential in Europe; and,
- hosted three online workshops to stimulate dialogue between the private sector and policymakers about how they can work together to take Europe's start-up ecosystem to the next level.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

In 2021, the project will continue to deliver functionality improvements and features including, but not limited to:

- Notes: Allowing users to share notes with other users of the app;
- Sub-sub-industries levels: Allowing the user to drill deeper into industries for more precise analysis;
- Spinoffs: Allowing for a better understanding of start-ups spinning-off from university initiatives;
- IP data: Detailed information on the intellectual property developed by start-ups.

The project will also publish and disseminate four additional thematic reports and host further workshops to foster continued dialogue between the private sector and policymakers about how they can work together to take Europe’s start-up ecosystem to the next level.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>           |
|--|-----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 22 October 2018       |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 23 July 2019          |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 23 September 2019     |
| Award decision                                       | 12 December 2019      |
| Interim payment                                      | February - April 2021 |
| Final payment  | February - April 2022 |

### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2018)6834, adopted on 22 October 2018 sets out the main elements of this pilot project. Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/call-proposals-set-european-startup-and-scaleup-ecosystem-graph>

The project website is available at the following address:

<https://europeanstartups.co/>

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

- **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative proposal is deemed necessary. The contract provides for the platform and data to be kept updated until the end of 2022. To support its continued operation beyond that time alternative avenues are being explored; amongst others the current contractor is exploring to what extent the continued operation of the platform could be integrated into its business model.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                           | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| European Start-ups and Scaleups Ecosystem Graph | Dealroom co. BV                 | 713 742                  |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by a grant via a call for proposals.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Legal entities established in EU Member States.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 19 01: Pilot project — Testing retrofit technologies

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         | 0,00         | 629 958,60 | p.m.        | 419 973 | p.m.    | 419 972 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 629 958,60 | p.m.        | 419 973 | p.m.    | 419 972 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

This pilot project has the following goals:

- To perform a broad testing campaign regarding the effectiveness of different retrofit options to determine which technologies under which conditions are able to meet the Euro 6 emission limit values, using laboratory and real driving emissions tests, covering a broad range of driving conditions, engine technologies and EURO classes for light duty vehicles.
- To assess a variety of possible certification schemes for retrofit solutions.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The project will be finalised in 2021. The contract has been amended by an extension, which has resulted in a delay of the final payment. The contractor requested this amendment due to COVID-19 pandemic related issues.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                                      | Date            |
|---|-----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision            | 5 March 2019    |
| Re-opening of competition under framework | 23 October 2019 |



| Step                 | Date                        |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| contract             |                             |
| Closing date of call | 11 November 2019            |
| Award decision       | 10 December 2019            |
| Interim payment      | October 2020, November 2020 |
| Final payment        | March 2022                  |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1646, adopted on 5 March 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)1646&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)1646&lang=en)

The project website is available at the following address:

<https://retrofit4emissions.eu/>

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

Yes, the Commission intends to evaluate whether the results can be incorporated in the proposal for new emission limits (EURO 7) foreseen by the EU Green Deal in 2021.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                                 | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Pilot Project on Testing retrofit technologies | CLOVE consortium         | 1 049 931     |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements the project through a framework contract on emissions.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 19 02: Pilot project — Space traffic management

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 204 810,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 277 290 | 0,0 %          | 38,6 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 204 810,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 277 290 | 0,0 %          | 38,6 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of the pilot project is to support the development of the EU strategic orientations in the area of space traffic management (STM) with an overall aim of ensuring long-term sustainable and safe space activities. The results will frame the scope of the space activities in the area of space traffic management, provide a comprehensive picture of the existing and emerging frameworks and practices and assess their effectiveness and relevancy, as well as identify the needs, best practices and recommendations to the EU.

The Award Decision was taken on 24 November 2020 and among the deliverables submitted were the Inception workshop slides.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The following activities were executed or are planned for 2021 and further:

- Kick off meeting on 8 January 2021;
- Execution of the study research (including at least two workshops with experts);
- Interim report in June 2021;
- Draft final study report in December 2021;
- Final conference in January 2022.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|

| Step                            | Date                  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 05 March 2019         |
| Publication of call for tender  | 11 December 2019      |
| Closing date of call for tender | 24 February 2020      |
| Award decision                  | 24 November 2020      |
| Prefinancing payments           | December 2020         |
| Final payment                   | First quarter of 2022 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1646, adopted on 5 March 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)1646&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)1646&lang=en)

Call documents have been made available to the beneficiaries of the Framework Contract 712/PP/2018/FC.

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

No follow up with a legislative proposal is envisaged at this stage of the project, however, the Commission's Action Plan on Synergies between Civil, Defence and Space Industries, adopted on 22 February 2021, has established STM as a flagship project aiming to develop STM standards and rules. The results of this pilot project will therefore be used in order to prepare potential future actions in this field.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

Appropriations have been committed into 2019 as global commitment.

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor               | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--|---------------|
| Study (Research work conducted by external consultants), external experts for Workshops and conference | Deloitte Consulting & Advisory<br>CVBA | 700 000       |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this pilot project in direct management by means of a framework contract.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 19 03: Pilot project — Identifying impact pathways and developing indicators to track and measure societal impact of EU funded biomedical R&I

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 245 000 | p.m.    | 132 180 | 0,0 %          | -46,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 245 000 | p.m.    | 132 180 | 0,0 %          | -46,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

2019:

- Financing decision adopted on 26 September 2019 (PE(2019)6080);
- Global commitment.

2020:

- Launching a call for tender using framework contract (FWC);
- Award decision on 3 December 2020;
- Individual commitment on 7 December 2020;
- Signature of the contract on 16 December 2020;
- Start of the project on 16 December 2020.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In 2021, the EU will launch its next 7-year Framework Programme (FP) for Research and Innovation, Horizon Europe. The programme will strive to tackle global challenges and help achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to boost the Union's competitiveness and social impact to help deliver on the Union's strategic priorities and policies - such as citizens' health. The objective of this pilot project is to engage in a study to help define the concept for societal impact of EU funded biomedical research and innovation, and how it contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (in particular SDG3 - Ensure healthy lives

and promote well-being for all at all ages). The work would entail identification of various impact pathways and development of indicators to track and measure societal impact, including aggregated estimated effects from use and exploitation of FP-funded research results. Evidence from this study will provide mechanisms for capturing and spreading the societal impact of EU investments and better tools to communicate these impacts to society. The ultimate goal of the study is a proof of concept for a sound framework to assess the societal impact with the potential to be scaled-up into a regular monitoring exercise.

2021:

- On-going project, tasks are running
- Submission of deliverable
- Submission of invoice from contractor
- Interim payment to contractor

2022:

- Submission of final deliverables
- Submission of final invoice
- Final payment

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                  |
|--|-----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                           | 26 September 2019     |
| Invitation to tender (FWC with reopening of competition) | 6 October 2020        |
| Deadline for submission of tenders                       | 5 November 2020       |
| Award decision   | 3 December 2020       |
| Start of the project                                     | 16 December 2020      |
| Interim payment  | July 2021             |
| Final payment  | First quarter of 2022 |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision PE(2019)6080, adopted on 26 September 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Following similar activities, which are already covered by a legal basis, exist:

- Data4Impact (grant agreement No 770531) – a grant funded in H2020 SC6, project finished in 2019, titled “Big Data approaches for improved assessment of the societal impact in the Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing Societal Challenge”;
- Tracking of Research Results – a monitoring system for tracking the results of the EU funded research and innovation projects, after the projects have ended. Specific contracts using a H2020 framework service contract, budget in H2020 WP2018-20, launched in 2019;
- Baseline study – Study to support the monitoring and evaluation of the Framework Programme for research and innovation along Key Impact Pathways. A specific study contract using a Commission framework service contract, launched in December 2019.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage due to the nature of this project; however, as the ultimate goal of the study is a proof of concept for a sound framework to assess the societal impact of EU funded biomedical research and innovation, there is a potential for scaling-up into a regular monitoring exercise.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>               | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Pilot project - Identifying impact pathways and developing indicators to track and measure societal impact of EU funded biomedical /R&I<br>RTD/2019/SC/007 – LC-01592863 | ICF SA / Avenue Marnix,<br>Brussels / Belgium | 329 550              |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission is implementing this pilot project by means of a request for services, using a framework contract with re-opening of competition.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Consulting service.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 19 05: Pilot project — Girls 4 STEM in Europe

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
|         | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 69 290 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |      |             |      |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 69 290 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The Project GEM (Empower Girls to Embrace their Digital and Entrepreneurial Potential) has two far-reaching objectives:

- to inspire and enable Europe's girls to tap their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), digital and entrepreneurial potential and;
- to establish a societal basis which has the capacity to support girls to tap their STEM, digital and entrepreneurial potential.

To reach the first objective, the project will organizing Summer Camps for girls. To achieve that, 11 consortium countries will run at least two Summer Camps during the project lifetime and reach at least 1000 girls. To reach the second objective, the project will establish a European GEM Network of schools, universities, high educational institutions, businesses, NGOs, (non-formal) education providers, ministries, municipalities, as well as STEM/educational research centres (at least 100 initial members).

The project aim is to bring Girls2STEM and make them Girls4STEM and therefore the project needs to provide STEM4Girls. The project defined five main elements, which are essential for inspiring and enabling STEM/Digital/Entrepreneurial Education for girls (secondary school level – between 12 and 18) and expressed them in five Specific Objectives. At the end of the project, there will be:

- Girls with STEM (especially ICT) subject knowledge;
- Girls with knowledge of inspiring role models and their meaning;
- Girls with knowledge about the STEM/digital world of work;
- Girls with entrepreneurial mind-sets;
- Girls with transversal skills.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the project could not organise summer camps for girls in 2020. The project requested a project suspension from September 2020 until April 2021. Additionally, a project extension until end of 2022 was requested. The Commission accepted these changes via an amendment under the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. In the first seven months of the project that were heavily affected by the Covid-19 pandemic the project started the preparation work for the organisation of summer camps and for establishing the GEM network.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

In April 2021, the project will restart its work and planned activities. No review meeting is planned for 2021.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>    |
|--|----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 1 April 2019   |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 24 May 2019    |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 27 August 2019 |
| Award decision                                       | November 2019  |
| Prefinancing   | December 2019  |
| Final payment  | April 2023     |

### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2019)2233 final, adopted on 01 April 2019, sets out the main elements of the implementation. Call documents are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/girls4stem-2019>

The project website is available at the following address:

<https://icse.eu/international-projects/gem/>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**



No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to the following: Over the last years, several new Commission initiatives have seen the light, which address or will address some of the initial objectives of the pilot project. Many initiatives, such as the Ministerial declaration of commitment on women in digital and WeGate, are ongoing in the EU to promote women's participation in ICT or STEM. The complexity surrounding gender equality requires stronger and more concerted efforts and this urgency to reinforce efforts in this direction was clearly recognised by the new Digital Education Action Plan. One of the concrete actions of the Digital Education Action Plan is to encourage women's participation in STEM, in cooperation with the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT); support the EU STEM Coalition to develop new higher education curricula for engineering, and information and communications technology based on the STEAM approach to be more attractive for women; and to increase their participation and career development in STEM subjects and IT.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| GEM - Empower Girls to Embrace their Digital and Entrepreneurial Potential | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Germany,</li><li>2. Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands,</li><li>3. Universitata Malta, Malta,</li><li>4. Univerzita Konstantina Filozofa v Nitre, Slovakia,</li><li>5. Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Universitet, Norway</li><li>6. Universidad de Jaen, Spain,</li><li>7. Ethniko Kai Kapodistriako Panepistimio, Greece,</li><li>8. Univerzita Karlova, Czech Republic,</li><li>9. Hogskolan for Larande och Kommunikation i Jonkoping - Hlk School of Education and Communication, Sweden,</li><li>10. Edex - Educational Excellence Corporation Limited, Cyprus,</li><li>11. Vilniaus Universitetas, Lithuania.</li></ol> | 350 000                  |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implemented this pilot project by a grant via a call for proposal.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Public service providers, research institutes / academia

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 20 01: Pilot project — Aviation resilience to GNSS jamming and cyber-threats

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 450 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 450 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

Over the last decade, aircraft have been increasingly using Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) technology. This technology is used instead of traditional radio navigation aids, and air-to-ground-based and inertial navigation systems, as more operators take advantage of advanced Performance Based Navigation (PBN) procedures and satellite-based navigation technologies being deployed by Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) around the world. However, this technology reveals some vulnerabilities since signals can be either lost or corrupted (e.g. either deliberately jammed by a military exercise or maliciously jammed by a person with ill-intent, or even inadvertently by a person using a GPS repeater to scramble its position when tracked by its company).

One of the main objectives for the aviation community is to improve resilience of aircraft (and its associated next-generation GNSS based equipment) in the presence of GNSS threats including jamming and spoofing in particular. In order to achieve this goal, it is important to characterize RFI and cyber threats; in this context, the objectives of this pilot project are:

- to analyse the threat to aviation operations from GNSS frequency jamming and cyber threats; and,
- to identify and develop a series of mitigation techniques at aircraft level counter such threats and improve the general resilience of GNSS services.

Aviation resilience to GNSS frequency jamming and cyber threats is a two-year project to ensure safety civilian flights by setting integrated security measures and jamming proof mechanisms. The project should identify good practices for regulators and operators, and provide policy guidance for the benefit of the security of the GNSS system and possible future initiatives in the area of aviation security, with a focus on the aircraft.

The project shall also address GNSS/PNT equipment (most notably receivers) with installation and operation strategies that can be implemented for current equipment and strategies that can result in more resilient new and/or improved products, with a focus on the aircraft. Moreover, the project shall assess whether the proposed strategies are applicable to other non-aviation domains.

Activities to be implemented:

- Preparation of the documentation package for the call for tender (Terms of reference of the Request for Service; Opening committee; Evaluation committee...);
- Publication of the Invitation to submit an offer;
- Evaluation of the offers.

**Intentions for the years 2021-2022:**

- Kick off meeting within 30 days from the contract signature in the Commission premises (Brussels).
- Execution of the study research.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2021*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date             |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 14 April 2020    |
| Publication of call for tender  | 27 August 2020   |
| Closing date of call for tender | 16 October 2020  |
| Award decision                  | 12 February 2021 |
| Prefinancing payment            | 12 March 2021    |
| Interim payment                 | March 2022       |
| Final payment                   | March 2023       |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2083, adopted on 14 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2083&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2083&lang=en)

The documents related to the call for tender are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-documents.html?cftId=6911>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up with a legislative proposal is envisaged at this stage of the project. The project will propose a series of actions and procedures that need to be discussed and approved in specific aviation fora (e.g. ICAO NSP, EUROCAE WG62). Depending on the input received by aviation stakeholders, some rulemaking actions will be considered in the future. Some possible ones include defining minimum level of robustness to be implemented in future GNSS aviation receivers, operational reporting of GNSS interference, testing procedures for on board GNSS receivers.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Service contract to assess the impact of cyber threats on GNSS and propose a series of mitigation techniques with the goal of improving the resilience of GNSS mainly in manned and unmanned aviation | GMV AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE SA    | 1 500 000                |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of an open call for tender.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 20 02: Pilot project — The use of Galileo and EGNOS to reduce the number of cardiac-arrest-related deaths

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 500 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 150 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 500 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 150 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 Budget

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The general objective of this pilot project is to investigate the possibility of using of the Galileo-based location transmitted to Public Safety Answering Point during an emergency call, in order to locate an available Automated External Defibrillator (AED) closest to the caller.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The objective for 2021 is to launch the request for services in the first quarter of 2021 and to sign the contract in the second quarter of 2021. The duration of the contract is 12 months and the closure of the project is foreseen for the second quarter of 2022.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                                     | Date             |
|--|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision           | 14 April 2020    |
| Launch of the request for services       | 16 February 2021 |
| Closing date of the request for services | 2 April 2021     |
| Award decision                           | 20 May 2021      |

| Step                             | Date                   |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment                    | Second quarter of 2022 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)2083, adopted on 14 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2083&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2083&lang=en)

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

No specific follow up is envisaged at this stage; however, it will depend on the results of the project.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

#### – 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| A study to analyse the possibilities to develop and manage a mechanism in case of emergency situations requiring the use of an AED, based on a) digital registry of publicly available AEDs in EU Member States, and b) Galileo-based location information transmitted to the PSAP during an emergency communication + developing and testing a prototype of the solution. | TBD                      | 500 000       |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a specific contract from a Framework Contract (with reopening of competition).

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Private companies / service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 20 03: Pilot project — Art and the digital: unleashing creativity for European water management

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 550 000 | p.m.    | 550 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 550 000 | p.m.    | 550 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and until April 2021:

In 2020, a call for proposals was launched, an evaluation was subsequently held in November 2020 and a winner selected. The selected winner was invited to negotiations. The negotiations were successfully completed in March 2021. The project started on 1 April 2021.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The project will explore links of art and digital for water management in given regional contexts and will mobilise the technological and cultural resources of European regions to help us tackle the imminent challenge of water management. This line of thinking has been promoted by the European Commission in its STARTS program that has linked arts into technological innovation processes. This link to upcoming policy decisions in the sustainability agenda and promotion of a European innovation policy centered on culture and values. The project will develop a policy agenda to bring digitalisation into play for the UN sustainable goals in water in collaborating with the arts. Workshops, residencies and exhibitions in 2021 and 2022 will attempt to stimulate a new thinking on water across utility companies, policy makers and society.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date             |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 20 April 2020    |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 1 July 2020      |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 4 September 2020 |
| Award decision                     | 26 November 2020 |
| Prefinancing payments              | March 2021       |
| Final payment                      | October 2022     |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the details of the pilot project.

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/art-and-digital-unleashing-creativity-european-water-management>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Activities linking art and digital for innovation do exist (e.g., the H2020 STARTS programme) but no activities linking art, digital and UN sustainable development goals in water do exist.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No direct follow up is envisaged but it is envisaged that the current PP will inform policy development that strives to link cultural and technology competence in Europe with a view on embracing sustainability goals.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

| Title / Action | Beneficiary (coordinator) | EUR (maximum) |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| STARTS4WATER   | LUCA School of Arts       | 1 000 000     |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of grant following a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies, research institutes / academia, foundations.



## 1. Heading

### PP 01 20 04: Pilot project — Inclusive web accessibility for persons with cognitive disabilities (web inclusiveness: access for all)

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 900 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 640 000 | p.m.    | 240 000 | 0,0 %          | -62,5 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 900 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 640 000 | p.m.    | 240 000 | 0,0 %          | -62,5 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

During 2020, the call for proposals was organised with the aim to develop and promote tools drawing on Artificial Intelligence, machine learning or similar solutions to automatize the transformation and/or adaptation of web content and services in a way that enables persons with cognitive disabilities to understand and use such content and services (content absorption). The aim was also the simplification or adaptation of web-authoring tools that persons with cognitive disabilities could use to create online content (content creation). Twenty-nine proposals were submitted under this call. Grants were awarded to two projects and the preparation of grant agreements began.

A procurement procedure was also launched in 2020 for a specific contract under the Framework Contract SMART 2019/0024, with re-opening of competition, for a study to obtain a comprehensive overview of existing research/studies in Europe on the autonomy and participation of persons with cognitive disabilities in the digital environment, and related barriers, with practical proposals to improve independent and inclusive access to online content and services for persons with cognitive disabilities.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

On February 1, 2021, the BUDDY 12-month project started. It aims to address the fact that most users with cognitive disabilities struggle with digital content and services, providing a

solution that will make sure the tools, features and solutions for the cognitive target group will fit individual needs and become easy to find and use. The overall objective of the project is to develop a repository of relevant tools (features, apps, ATs, etc.) and an Artificial Intelligence (AI) assisted recommendation system that will help users with cognitive disabilities to gain maximum benefits from online contents and services.

The LIVE IT 12-month project is expected to start on April 1, 2021 (the grant agreement signing procedure is underway). The overall objective of this pilot project is to aggregate and valorise the insights and findings of different ‘research lenses’ on the relationship between cognitive disabilities and digital inclusion into actionable experimentation spaces, in order to support inclusive accessibility by tailoring design to the settings in which people with cognitive disabilities engage with digital technologies in their everyday ‘lifeworld’.

The contract for a 12-month Pilot Project Study: Inclusive Web Accessibility for Persons with Cognitive Disabilities (Web inclusiveness: access for all) was signed on March 4, 2021. The aim of this study is to provide a comprehensive and evidence-based overview of existing research/studies on disability accessibility of persons with cognitive disabilities (PCD) and identify gaps in research and web accessibility obligations for PCD. The specific objectives of the study are to provide a comprehensive overview of existing research/studies in Europe regarding the autonomy and participation of PCD in the digital domain, identify barriers to autonomy and participation of PCD in digital domain, and propose practical solutions to remove barriers and increase independent and inclusive access to the digital domain for PCD. The call for proposals for the pilot project study attracted three times as many proposals as expected. Combined with COVID-19 related issues this have led to a delay of the project.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations (action 1, grants)

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 20 April 2020                 |
| Publication of call for proposals  | May 2020                      |
| Closing date of call for proposals | July 2020                     |
| Award decision                     | November 2020                 |
| Interim payments                   | September 2021 – January 2022 |
| Final payments                     | March 2022 – August 2022      |

– 2020 commitment appropriations (action 2, study procured under FWC)

| <b>Step</b>                    | <b>Date</b>   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 20 April 2020 |
| Request for services           | November 2020 |
| Deadline submission of offers  | January 2021  |

| Step                        | Date              |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Signature specific contract | March 2021        |
| Final payment               | March – June 2022 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

Call for proposals documents are available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/cogn-2020>

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

No follow up is envisaged at the moment. Any update of current legislation will only be undertaken after the formal review of the Web Accessibility Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/2102) due by mid-2022.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

#### – 2020 commitment appropriations (action 1, grants)

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary  | EUR (maximum) |
|---|--|---------------|
| AI Supported personal BUDDY facilitating cognitive accessibility when using online contents and services (BUDDY)                    | Universitat Linz (Jku), Funka Nu Ab (Funka)  | 297 165,75    |
| Living Labs and Open Toolkit for the co-design of accessible IT systems and tools (LIVE IT)<br><u>(signature procedure pending)</u> | Aristotelio Panepistimio Thessalonikis (Auth), Arcola Research Llp (Arc), National University Of Ireland Galway (Nui Galway), Universidade Catolica Portuguesa (Ucp) | 428 655,38    |

#### – 2020 commitment appropriations (action 2, study procured under FWC)

| Title / Action       | Contractor                         | EUR (maximum) |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Pilot Project Study: | ICF S.A, Wavestone S.A, Centre for | 90 200        |

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|--|--|--|
| <p>Inclusive Web Accessibility for Persons with Cognitive Disabilities (Web inclusiveness: access for all)</p> | <p>European Policy Studies (CEPS) AISBL, Consultores de Automatización y Robótica S.A.</p> |  |
|--|--|--|

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by a call for proposals for one action and by a specific contract under framework contract for a second action.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Non-profit organisations (private or public), private companies, international organisations, universities and other educational institutions, research centres.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 21 01: Pilot project — Feasibility study on reduction of traffic-related particulate emissions by means of vehicle-mounted fine dust filtration

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 750 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 750 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In 2021, the project should be launched. This will entail:

- Identification and assessment of the possible impact of retrofit filtration solutions for light, commercial and heavy duty road vehicles;
- Definition of a measurement procedure for the performance evaluation of active fine dust filters and brake dust particle filters;
- Feasibility study and demonstrator vehicle for integrated fine dust particle filtration systems;
- Estimation of possible impact on air quality in cities;
- Lifecycle analysis;
- Assessment of shortcomings in the current measurement procedure and regulation as well as creating the basis for future legislation for non-exhaust emissions with a specific focus on retrofit solutions.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|

| Step                            | Date                   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 15 April 2021          |
| Publication of call for tender  | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Closing date of call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                  | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Interim payment                 | Third quarter of 2022  |
| Final payment                   | First quarter of 2023  |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)2485, adopted on 15 April 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2021\)2485&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2021)2485&lang=en)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to take the results of this study into account in the proposal for new emission limits (EURO 7) foreseen by the EU Green Deal in 2021.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of an open call for tenders.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 21 02: Pilot project — Support service for citizens led renovation projects

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 300 000 | -100,0 %       | 20,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 300 000 | -100,0 %       | 20,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Adoption of the financing decision and definition of the tender specifications for a study followed by the publication of a call.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date   |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | Second quarter of 2021                         |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Third quarter of 2021                          |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021                          |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021                         |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | Fourth quarter of 2021 / first quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment  | First quarter of 2024                          |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The legal basis for technical requirements affecting energy performance of buildings and energy communities is covered by the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EU) 2018/844, the Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001 and the Internal Electricity Market Directive (EU) 2019/944.

The Commission Decision expected in Second quarter of 2021 will set out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, a follow-up is not envisaged.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

The publication of the call for proposals and the award decisions will be later in 2021: to date, these details are unknown.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers and public service providers.



## 1. Heading

### PP 01 21 04: Pilot project — Europe-wide solutions for Free and Open Source Software use by Public Services in the EU

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 500 000     | 125 000 | p.m.    | 375 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 500 000     | 125 000 | p.m.    | 375 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Free and Open Source Software enables technological sovereignty by providing public services with the required transparency to allow independent inspections of their systems and validate their processes. Open source allows for lower costs, quicker solutions and the freedom to innovate. Their use by public services have created pockets of expertise across Europe, but many turn to proprietary solutions as they are unaware of existing open source alternatives in other parts of Europe. This hinders the uptake of open source and weakens attempts to achieve technological sovereignty. The pilot project aims to take a Europe-wide-view of open source, and establish common solutions to the challenges faced by public services in the EU, aiding the continued adoption of open source. The pilot comprises two components:

- Creation of an Open Source Solutions Catalogue: focusing on software solutions for public services in the EU, it will let users identify open-source and reusable systems, solutions, services and components. It will encourage the use of open source, reduce duplicate efforts, increase awareness.
- Creation of an inventory of open source software used by public services in the EU to help identify the most critical open source parts which would make possible to take action to protect and safeguard such parts in the future.

The intention is to start both components in 2021.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | June 2021     |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | December 2021 |
| Final payment                    | December 2022 |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, expected June 2021, will set out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not known yet.

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of existing framework contracts (e.g. ABC IV)

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public service providers and research institutes / academia

## 1. Heading

### PP 01 21 05: Pilot project — European entrepreneurial E-learning platform helping SMEs to adapt to the current context

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 400 000     | 100 000 | p.m.    | 240 000 | -100,0 %       | 140,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 400 000     | 100 000 | p.m.    | 240 000 | -100,0 %       | 140,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budgets.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The objective of this pilot project is to create an entrepreneurship e-learning platform designed to help European SME's adapt to current challenges.

This pilot project will complement the current actions that support SMEs to fully enjoy the benefits of the Single Market, during the Covid-19 crisis and beyond, and will support entrepreneurs facing the challenges posed by becoming digital and sustainable.

The platform will aim to equip entrepreneurs with the right competences, mind-set, resilience and skills they need to adapt to a changing and difficult context. The platform will offer flexible and interactive training modules on areas such as financial literacy, pitching to investors or expanding one's business, as well as coaching and mentoring from peers or experienced practitioners.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date          |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 15 April 2021 |

| Step   | Date                              |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | June 2021                         |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2021                    |
| Award decision                                       | December 2021                     |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Second and fourth quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment  | Second quarter of 2023            |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

#### **– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)2485, adopted on 15 April 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2021\)2485&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2021)2485&lang=en)

#### **– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Related activities, but not necessarily similar, are being carried out with COSME support to implement the European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (EntreComp).

#### **– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to the nature of these activities. However, given that the objective of this project is to set up an e-learning platform, the aim is to have as many platform users as possible. To allow this, the project will last for 18 months, after which a continuation of 12 months is envisaged to enable more entrepreneurs and would-be entrepreneurs to benefit from the platform.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tenders or a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, media companies.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 17 01: Pilot project — Raising Awareness of alternatives to private car

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 328 839,00 | p.m.        | 459 717 | p.m.    | 306 478 | 0,0 %          | -33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 328 839,00 | p.m.        | 459 717 | p.m.    | 306 478 | 0,0 %          | -33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under 2017 and 2018 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years of implementation

The general objective of the contract is to contribute to the targets established by the White Paper "Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system" (COM(2011) 144 final), with a special reference to Initiative 27: Travel information - Promote awareness of the availability of alternatives to individual conventional transport (drive less, walk and cycle, car sharing, park & drive, intelligent ticketing etc.).

Available at [https://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/strategies/2011\\_white\\_paper\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/strategies/2011_white_paper_en).

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The Pilot Project is in its final phase. The objective is to raise awareness of alternative to private car at a collective level, by stimulating the uptake of Clean Buses. This will be done by capacity building at city level through exchange of experiences between 'advanced' and 'non-advanced' cities in the area of Clean Buses.

Alternatives to motorised car use cover a broad spectrum of measures, including the modernisation and expansion of public transport. Buses are an important cornerstone of public transport systems and the emergence of new powertrain technologies, including battery-electric and fuel-cell electric as well as natural gas powered buses, has opened new opportunities to further advance positive impacts of public transport, while increasing overall attractiveness to consumers (noise, smooth transit) and enabling new offering (new routes,

e.g. indoor stops). These technologies represent an opportunity for all EU cities to improve their public transport systems and make it more attractive as an alternative to individual cars.

While the potentials are large, the current market for those clean, alternative fuelled buses is also limited, amounting to around 12 to 13 % of the overall fleet being operated on an alternative fuel basis. However, many cities and regions are already either testing or using these vehicles and their related infrastructure and an increasing number of cities and regions are putting forward plans to accelerate the purchase, rent or lease of clean, alternatively fuelled buses by the middle of this decade. At the same time, European manufacturers of buses are responding to this increase in demand, spurred also by increasing global competition. The knowledge and expertise gained by these early movers can be leveraged to help other cities take advantage of the opportunities to improve their public transport through the deployment of clean, alternative fuelled buses.

The Pilot Project will help ensure sufficient administrative capacity and expertise among public authorities beyond the circle of those cities and local authorities that can be considered front-runners in the deployment of clean buses. This concerns particularly cities and regions with limited market impact that currently lack the resources or capacities to engage with the market or with aggregating demand with other authorities. An exchange of views with manufacturers, infrastructure operators and financing institutions is also relevant to better assess the relevant technological, legal and financial aspects in order to come up with tenders that can be answered by the market. The ability to network with front-runner cities should make it easier for those 'less advanced' cities to exchange information on a first-hand basis.

## 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                     | <b>Date</b>                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 29 June 2017                   |
| Publication of call for tender  | 23 August 2017                 |
| Closing date of call for tender | 2 October 2017                 |
| Award decision                  | 05 January 2018                |
| Contract's signature            | 26 February 2018               |
| Interim payments                | 25 October 2018; 25 April 2019 |
| Final payment                   | 2 April 2020                   |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                     | <b>Date</b>      |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 29 June 2017     |
| Publication of call for tender  | 15 November 2018 |
| Closing date of call for tender | 7 January 2019   |
| Award decision                  | April 2019       |
| Contract's signature            | 15 July 2019     |
| Interim payments                | 20 April 2020    |
| Final payment                   | Spring 2022      |

## 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

Commission decision C(2017)4327 of 29 June 2017 sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No. The second year of the pilot project has been developed in parallel to the revision of the Clean Vehicle Directive, which was finalised with Directive (EU) 2019/1161 of 20 June 2019 amending Directive 2009/33/EC on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles and represents the key legal instrument to promote the transition to Clean Buses; no further legislative proposal is foreseen at this stage. Additionally, an amendment is under discussion to prolong the action by 12-18 months, to allow sufficient time to perform all activities that had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 situation.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2017 appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                 | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| PP - Raising Awareness of alternatives to private car | Técnica y Proyectos S.A, Spain  | 439 000              |

– 2018 appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                   | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b>     | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| PP - Raising Awareness of alternatives to private car 2 | Union Internationale des Transports | 766 000              |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The pilot project is under implementation by way of call for tender.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

External consultants and non-for profit organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 17 03: Pilot project — Single European Sky (SES) airspace architecture

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         | 0,00         | 110 444,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 356 897 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 110 444,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 356 897 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under 2017 and 2018 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation

The first phase is under implementation by the Single European Sky Air Traffic Management (ATM) Research (SESAR) Joint Undertaking (JU) further to a delegation agreement between the Commission and the SESAR JU signed on 10 November 2017.

The objective of this initiative is to develop a proposal for the future architecture of the European airspace, inspired by the concept of the "*Trans-European Motorways of the sky*", embracing a new era of innovation and digital technologies in consistency with the Single European Sky initiative, the European Aviation Strategy and the European ATM Master Plan. The project aims to assess the feasibility of implementing a new airspace architecture that is service-oriented, relies on digital technologies and primarily targets "en-route" European airspace. That airspace architecture will more efficiently support traffic flows and promote an optimised provision of air navigation services and the enabling ATM/Communication Navigation Surveillance infrastructure. It will fully respond to the needs of airspace users and materialise the concept of the European Upper Information Region (EUIR).

### Intentions for the current year 2021

Finalising works for a final payment early 2022.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022



– 2017 commitment appropriations

| Step  | Date               |
|---|--------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                            | 29 June 2017       |
| Delegation agreement Commission – SESAR Joint Undertaking | 10 November 2017   |
| Pre-financing payment to SESAR JU                         | 22 November 2017   |
| Interim payment to SESAR JU                               | 20 September 2019  |
| Final payment to SESAR JU                                 | First quarter 2022 |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date           |
|--|----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 29 June 2017   |
| Ernst & Young framework contract for Legal, economic and regulatory aspects of ATM data services provision | 2 October 2019 |
| Interim payment to Ernst & Young   | 7 August 2020  |
| Final payment to Ernst & Young   | 8 March 2021   |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission decision C(2017)4327 of 29 June 2017 sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Regulation (EC) 551/2004 of Single European Sky regulatory framework concerns the organisation and use of the airspace in SES and in particular under Chapter II, the Airspace Architecture.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

The follow up is already underway: The main outcomes of this pilot project, namely the study for a new Airspace Architecture and the associated Transition Plan, supported two legislative activities. The main recommendations from the study have been integrated in the edition 2020 of the ATM Master Plan. This document is the main reference for the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda that was required to establish a new Joint Undertaking (SESAR 3) under the Single Basic Act for Joint Undertaking in 2021. In particular, it helped to include large demonstration activities (third measure of the transition plan of the new Airspace Architecture Study). It also supported the preparation of the proposal from the Commission to reform the Single European Sky initiative (SES2+), in particular with the aspect related to data sharing and the setup of ATM Data Service Providers.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>          | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PP - SES airspace architecture | SESAR JU                        | 800 000                  |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>            | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PP - SES airspace architecture 2 | SESAR JU                        | 420 000                  |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The pilot project is under implementation by way of delegation agreement, call for tender, negotiated procedures and existing framework contracts as the SES one.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public-private partnerships, private companies.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 18 02: Pilot project — Pan-European road safety awareness campaign

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         | 0,00         | 178 215,00 | p.m.        | 178 215 | p.m.    | 237 620 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 178 215,00 | p.m.        | 178 215 | p.m.    | 237 620 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and in previous year of implementation

Contract was signed on 19 December 2018 and the kick-off meeting took place on 4 February 2019.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The contractor will continue submitting progress reports as agreed in the signed contract.

This pilot project will aim at exchanging knowledge and experience and raising awareness among professionals on the main policies that could significantly improve road safety in the Member States. The project focuses on a selected number of Member States, in particular those where road safety records are below the EU average. To ensure the usefulness of the whole operation, each country's needs should be assessed individually and the topic of the exchange should be set accordingly. The events could take the form of experts meetings, seminars, trainings and other type of knowledge exchange. Experts from Member States which are particularly performant in a given field could assist those who are in need. Of course, third party experts could also be associated to this exercise.

As enforcement is an area that can bring quick results in terms of reducing road deaths and serious injuries, it will be a focus area of the exchange of experience and best practices. Such exchange could cover the following aspects: speed, drink and drug driving, use of protective equipment, distraction. Other areas depending on the specific needs of a Member State could be also covered (e.g. safe infrastructure).

The main criteria of success would be the transferability of the information sessions, meaning that those who have been briefed at a higher level could then transmit this knowledge to those working on the field (ex. police officers, safety inspectors etc.). The project will test how effectively the Commission can intervene in best practice exchanges between Member States, foster the dissemination of knowledge and expertise and influence by soft measures results in fields normally covered by the principle of subsidiarity. This approach is justified by a strong need for actions on the ground by supporting awareness and sharing of best practices in order to help closing the road safety performance gap between Member States within the EU.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                         |
|--|------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 25 April 2018                |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 2 August 2018                |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 21 September 2018            |
| Award decision                                       | 27 November 2018             |
| Interim payment(s)                                   | 26 March 2020; 19 March 2021 |
| Final payment(s)                                     | First quarter 2022           |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission financing decision C(2018)2394 of 25 April 2018 sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, since the implementation is ongoing and no conclusive results are available yet.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / contractor                 | EUR (maximum) |
|---|--|---------------|
| Pilot Project - Pan-European road safety awareness campaign | European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) | 594 050       |

### *5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission is implementing this pilot project by means of a study and technical assistance via a specific contract based on an existing framework contract according to Article 164 of the Financial Regulation (FR) as well as 1.5 of Annex I to the FR.

### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Study and technical assistance service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 18 04: Pilot project — Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 290 000 | 0,0 %          | 16,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 290 000 | 0,0 %          | 16,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under 2018 and 2019 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and in previous year of implementation

This pilot project (PP) is in line with the proposal for the new Electricity Directive adopted on 5 June 2019 (Directive (EU) 2019/944, which contains provisions on local energy communities (Art.16). These communities are a new type of market actor, which would be one of the principle users of distributed ledger based on block-chain technology and other peer-to-peer ICT solutions.

The delay in implementation comes from the fact that, until December 2018, the Electricity directive that sets out new regulatory framework for electricity markets was under negotiation. The Commission preferred to wait until reaching substantive progress of the work on the Directive in order to better define the use cases for blockchain. Blockchain technology has a great potential of facilitating the implementation of Directive, consequently we can now benefit from greater synergy between law making and research conducted under the PP.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The pilot project will set up a platform of best practices and technical advice, based on the experience and needs of the new actors in the energy market, thus helping the Commission to stimulate the development of technical standards for distributed ledgers. The Commission implements this pilot project by means of an internal Administrative Arrangement (AA) with the EC Joint Research Centre (JRC).

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of the Commission Financing Decision      | 1 March 2018           |
| Signature of the Administrative Agreement with JRC | Second quarter of 2019 |
| Launch of the project(s)                           | Second quarter of 2019 |
| Project expected duration                          | 24 months              |
| Interim payment                                    | 2 April 2019           |
| Final payment                                      | Third quarter of 2021  |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step  | Date                   |
|---|------------------------|
| Adoption of the Commission Financing Decision                   | 1 March 2018           |
| Signature of amendment of the Administrative Agreement with JRC | June 2019              |
| Interim payment   | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Final payment   | Second quarter of 2022 |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

Commission decision C(2018)1179 of 1 March 2018<sup>9</sup> sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage as the details are not yet known because the implementation is still ongoing.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action | Beneficiary / contractor | EUR |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----|
|----------------|--------------------------|-----|

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.cc.cec/sg/vista/view/main/home.jsf>

|  |     | <b>(maximum)</b> |
|--|-----|------------------|
| PP - Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market | JRC | 400 000          |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| PP - Feasibility study for distributed ledger technology applied to the European energy market 2 | JRC                             | 420 000              |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of an internal administrative arrangement with the JRC.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

EU body.



## 1. Heading

### PP 02 19 03: Pilot project — Covenant of Mayors as an instrument to tackle energy poverty

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 1 698 830,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 248 000 | p.m.    | 1 134 649 | 0,0 %          | -9,1 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 698 830,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 248 000 | p.m.    | 1 134 649 | 0,0 %          | -9,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation

Access to necessary energy services is a right for all, however not all consumers enjoy this right. Addressing the issue of energy poverty requires actions at all levels (European, National and Local). The objective of the pilot project is to reach out to local authorities through the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) in order to help those putting together projects to alleviate energy poverty and proceed with implementation of the projects' objectives. This will inter alia include, provision of information to energy poor households to reduce energy consumption and related costs, technical assistance in improving their homes energy efficiency; raise awareness campaign; exchange of good practice and dissemination.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The pilot project focuses both on measures to raise awareness and exchange good local and regional practices for tackling energy poverty and on concrete measures to reduce energy poverty in Europe.

By the end of this pilot project, outcomes will include:

- providing vulnerable homes with technical support to reduce energy consumption and costs, together with support to improve their energy performance,

- action across a number of government departments involving public health, social services, housing and environmental services, in order to take coordinated action to tackle the various aspects of energy poverty, which causes public health problems and social vulnerability and is often linked to buildings with poor energy performance; reducing energy consumption also has a positive effect in terms of combating climate change,
- actions to link energy savings in local public facilities with the creation of a fund to fight energy poverty in all municipalities,
- actions to empower consumers in their energy consumption patterns,
- assessments of how energy poverty projects can improve the local economy by creating opportunities for energy investments in private houses, and help create jobs,
- dissemination actions including Europe-wide exchange of good practices.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 22 May 2019  |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2020   |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | June 2020  |
| Award decision                                       | October 2020   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Second quarter of 2021, second quarter of 2022, second quarter of 2023, second quarter of 2024 |
| Final payment  | Second quarter of 2025   |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 14 May 2020  |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2020   |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | June 2020  |
| Award decision                                       | October 2020   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Second and fourth quarter of 2021; second and fourth quarter of 2022; second and fourth quarter of 2023; second and fourth quarter of 2024 |

| Step          | Date                   |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Final payment | Second quarter of 2025 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Decisions C(2019)3780 of 22 May 2019 and C(2020)3056 of 14 May 2020 set out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage as the details are not yet known because the implementation is still ongoing.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / contractor            | EUR (maximum) |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| PP - Covenant of Mayors as an instrument to tackle energy poverty | Klima-Bundnis Der Europaischen Stad | 2 100 000     |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / contractor            | EUR (maximum) |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| PP - Covenant of Mayors as an instrument to tackle energy poverty | Klima-Bundnis Der Europaischen Stad | 1 698 830     |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of calls for tender.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Private companies, service providers, and public service providers

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 19 04: Pilot project — EU-wide Programming Contest

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 141 932,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 77 201 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 141 932,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 77 201 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted for the first year under the 2019 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The contractor started working on the EU-wide programming contest, hereafter called hackathons, late 2019 and in the beginning of 2020, but due to the Corona virus outbreak, the implementation was postponed to 2021. The contractor submitted a report on the work done until the Corona outbreak. Additionally, several meetings were held with the contractor to plan the hackathons, also at the end of 2020 to plan for the hackathons that now will take place in spring and autumn 2021.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The contractor will carry out six hackathons in six countries. The project will target upper secondary school students who will compete in teams of six. A blended approach will be used due to the pandemic. In each country, the Code Week hackathon journey kicks-off with an online 24-hour hackathon. The planned dates are:

- 17-18 April Romania;
- 26-27 April Ireland;
- 7-8 May, Italy;
- 7-8 May, Greece;
- 15-16 May, Slovenia;
- 29-30 May, Latvia.

The ten best teams receive training and mentoring over the summer. The winners will then take part in final 12-hour face-to-face national hackathons in September or October (which will take place online, if the public health situation does not allow for a physical meet-up). A European final will be held online during Code Week 9-24 October 2021.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                          |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | April 2019                    |
| Request to launch a request for services under RTD FWC FW-00015142 – EU Code Week Hackathons | September 2019                |
| Contract signed  | November 2019                 |
| Interim payments   | July 2020, expected June 2021 |
| Final payment  | Beginning of 2022             |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)2233, adopted on 1 April 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

The project website is available at the following address: <https://codeweek.eu/hackathons>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged as the pilot project is still running and the results are not known yet.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor                            | EUR (maximum) |
|--|---|---------------|
| Organisation Of The Eu-Wide Programming Contest - EU Code Week Hackathons 2020 | Vo Communication Sa; Belgium<br>Creaset Sa, Belgium | 699 133       |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project directly by means of a framework contract.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies/service providers

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 19 05: Pilot project — Integrated digital service platform for citizens and business

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         | 0,00         | 218 388,75 | p.m.        | 262 500 | p.m.    | 436 778 | 0,0 %          | 66,4 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 218 388,75 | p.m.        | 262 500 | p.m.    | 436 778 | 0,0 %          | 66,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objectives of the pilot project are to connect blockchain ecosystems through a common forum of experts, to engage with experts, policy makers and academia in workshops, to contribute to a better understanding of blockchain technologies through workshops and workshop reports as much as deeper dives into ongoing blockchain trends resulting to publication of thematic reports. Since the formal launch of the new Observatory in June 2020, deliverables achieved: 3 workshops (767 audience), 1 thematic report (150+ downloads), 3 trend reports, renewal of the website to contain the robust updates of EU blockchain community, 25 new projects mapped on the interactive map of blockchain project in EU and beyond.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

By end of 2021, the Observatory should have delivered 7 thematic reports, 5 trend reports, 10 workshops, and 3 thematic papers, 2 reports on “trends”, at least 3 workshops, and an improved online platform as well as launch of new mapping of educational initiatives on blockchain in the European Union.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date             |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 1 April 2019     |
| Publication of call for tender  | 10 October 2019  |
| Closing date of call for tender | 16 December 2019 |
| Award decision                  | April 2020       |
| First interim payment           | December 2020    |
| Second interim payment          | October 2021     |
| Final payment                   | December 2022    |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)2233, adopted on 1 April 2019, will set out the main elements of this preparatory action voted under the 2019 budget.

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=5206>

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No.

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

No follow up is envisaged at this stage due to the ongoing implementation.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|--|---|---------------|
| Renewal Of The European Blockchain Observatory And Forum | Intrasoft International Sa,<br>University Of Nicosia,<br>Centre For Research And Technology Hellas<br>Certh | 873 555       |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this pilot project by an open call for tender.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 01: Pilot project — Model social impact approaches to social housing and empowerment of Roma: testing the use of innovative financial instruments for better social outcomes

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 0,00 | 1 800 000   | 950 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | -100,0 %       | -15,8 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | 1 800 000   | 950 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | -100,0 %       | -15,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets. The implementation of the project began in April 2021.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The overall objective is to reduce the socio-economic exclusion of disadvantaged people, such as marginalized Roma, by strengthening their financial and technical capacities to secure ownership of housing and gainful employment. The following concrete implementation steps are expected in 2021:

- Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) to launch calls and select qualified consortia formed by micro-credit financial institutions and social organisations/non-governmental organizations in the three countries of implementation - Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria;
- CEB to hire Project Manager, engage social innovation experts, conduct trainings for three pilot country teams;
- CEB to conclude partnership agreements with selected municipalities/ pilot sites and begin awareness raising and enrolling participants;
- CEB to develop project website.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

- 2020 commitment appropriations



| Step                                  | Date                        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of the financing decision    | 31 January 2020             |
| Preparation of the agreement with CEB | February 2020 to March 2021 |
| Award decision                        | 30 March 2021               |
| Grant agreement signature             | 31 March 2021               |
| Prefinancing                          | September 2021, April 2022  |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                                  | Date                                   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of the financing decision    | 2 March 2021                           |
| Preparation of the agreement with CEB | January - March 2021                   |
| Award decision                        | 30 March 2021                          |
| Grant agreement signature             | 31 March 2021                          |
| Pre-financing                         | September 2021, April 2022, April 2023 |
| End of the project                    | March 2024                             |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decisions, adopted on 31 January 2020 (C(2020)451 final) and on 2 March 2021 (C(2021)1361 final), set out the main elements of the implementation. They can be requested at the following addresses:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)451&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)451&lang=en)

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2021\)1361&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2021)1361&lang=en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up with a legislative proposal is envisaged, however, the pilot project is developed with the intention to test replication potential, possibly as an integrated financial and advisory product under the InvestEU Programme.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission is implementing this pilot project by means of a Grant Agreement signed with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB). CEB will channel support to participating organisations (financial intermediaries and social organisations) in the form of:

- De-risking mechanisms to microfinance institutions for the provision of housing loans to targeted beneficiaries. One or several calls for tenders/proposals to select qualified consortia formed by micro-credit financial institutions and social organisations/non-governmental organizations in order to provide municipalities and selected individuals/families the necessary elements for the successful implementation of the pilot project. This may include but need not be limited to support with matters related to the provision of land or the purchase of housing
- Support and capacity building in relation to self-construction and to the connection of housing units to utilities and public services. Support to disadvantaged Roma individuals and families for increased financial literacy, saving schemes and access to gainful employment.
- Additional pilot activities would entail mapping of needs/identification of project sites in selected other country / countries, developing a capacity building methodology, support for social innovation, project website and evaluation for the pilot.

#### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers / financial intermediaries, public authorities, research institutes / academia, foundations, civil society organisations / NGOs.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 02: Pilot project — Eco labelling for aviation / Demonstration project for the introduction of a voluntary Green Label system in Aviation

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |            |             |           |         |        |                |         |
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 816 600,00 | p.m.        | 1 125 000 | p.m.    | 96 900 | 0,0 %          | -91,4 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |           |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 816 600,00 | p.m.        | 1 125 000 | p.m.    | 96 900 | 0,0 %          | -91,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and in previous year of implementation

The overall objective of this initiative is to develop a holistic environmental label programme for aviation to increase transparency and improve decision-making. To this end, the pilot project aims to present easily accessible information on aviation's environmental performance to the travelling public and people living near airports. This initiative is now part of the "Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy" presented in December 2020 under the Flagship 5 "Pricing Carbon and provide better incentives for users". The development of this label will take into account and will be in line with other initiatives by the Commission, such as the EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives and the Green Claims initiative. The implementation started in September 2020 with the objective to go live with partner organisations in 2022 and the official launch of the labelling to the public in 2023. The main deliverable during the year 2020 was the "Intervention logic and scoping report".

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The main objectives for the year 2021 are the work streams 2 to 6 identified in the contribution agreement, i.e. process and stakeholder management, aircraft technology environmental performance and labelling, airline and flight environmental performance and labelling, league tables, digital communication and ecoPortal/Environmental Label Website.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                                       | Date                        |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision             | 29 April 2020               |
| Pre-financing and interim transfer to EASA | 29 July 2020; 13 April 2021 |
| Final payment to EASA                      | Fourth quarter of 2023      |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission financing decision C(2020)2589, adopted 29 April 2020, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It is available at the following address:

<http://www.cc.cec/sg/vista/view/main/home.jsf>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

The Commission is following up on this pilot project in the framework of the “Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy” presented in December 2020 under the Flagship 5 “Pricing Carbon and provide better incentives for users.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / contractor               | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--|---------------|
| PP - Eco labelling for aviation / Demonstration project for the introduction of a voluntary Green Label system in Aviation | European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) | 1 500 000     |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project under indirect management with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) as indicated in the Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2589 adopted on 29 April 2020.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

EU body.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 04: Pilot project — Revitalisation of cross-border night trains

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |        |                |         |
| Line    | 446 600,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 375 000 | p.m.    | 71 600 | 0,0 %          | -80,9 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 446 600,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 375 000 | p.m.    | 71 600 | 0,0 %          | -80,9 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and in previous year of implementation

The objective of the study is to assess the main obstacles for the further development of night train and of cross-border rail passenger services in Europe. Where relevant, concrete measures on European level are to be defined, as well as an analysis of their impacts.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The current railway acquis provides a solid basis for the provision of international rail passenger night services on a commercial basis. For city-pairs that cannot be commercially operated, the Public Service Obligation Regulation offers the possibility to implement international Public Service Contracts (PSCs).

The result of the study should consist of concrete suggestions for a follow-up action for the Commission and to other relevant stakeholders including an implementation timetable. Where relevant and fitting within the powers of the Commission, concrete measures on European level are to be defined, as well as an analysis of their impacts. The consultant is also expected to organise an event on cross-border rail services in the framework of the European Year of Rail, which takes place in 2021.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 29 April 2020         |
| Publication call for tender    | 8 May 2020            |
| Award                          | 7 December 2020       |
| Interim payment                | Third quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment                  | First quarter of 2022 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission financing decision C(2020)2589 sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                                   | Beneficiary / contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|
| PP - Revitalisation of cross-border night trains | Steer Davies & Gleave ltd | 447 000       |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission is implementing this pilot project by means of a study and technical assistance via procurement.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Study and technical assistance service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 05: Pilot project — Capacity for the greening of European sea ports

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |        |                |         |
| Line    | 300 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 225 000 | p.m.    | 75 000 | 0,0 %          | -66,7 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 300 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 225 000 | p.m.    | 75 000 | 0,0 %          | -66,7 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and in previous year of implementation

Identifying the factors affecting the greening of European ports and providing suggestions to foster the sustainable greening of the European ports

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The study will identify the adverse environmental effects of ports, the legislation and policies that address them and the gaps as well as the impediments for ports in pursuing green objectives. It will also present good practices from authorities in terms of policies and incentives aiding in attaining green objectives by ports as well as good practices from ports in pursuing economic development paired with green objectives. The study will also aid in knowledge sharing and identification of the tools in pursuing green objectives so that other ports can adjust and apply them to their own profiles.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|

|                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 29 April 2020          |
| Publication call for tender    | 26 October 2020        |
| Award                          | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Interim payment                | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment                  | First quarter of 2022  |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2589 of 29 April 2020 sets out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details for the 2020 appropriations will be known once the award has been made.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a study and technical assistance via a specific contract based on an existing framework contract according to Article 164 of the Financial Regulation (FR) as well as Article 1.5 of Annex I to the FR.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Study and technical assistance service providers.



## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 06: Pilot project — Energy communities repository – Monitoring and support for energy communities in the Union

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 500 000 | 0,0 %          | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 500 000 | 0,0 %          | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 Budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and in previous year of implementation

The objective of this Pilot project is to set up an energy communities repository which would allow monitoring and collecting data on the development of energy communities and their enabling framework as defined in the electricity Directive (Directive (EU) 2019/944) and the renewable energy Directive (Directive (EU) 2018/2001) adopted as part of the Clean Energy package. Based on that, the pilot project will provide communities with technical assistance, such as technological and administrative solutions.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The pilot project will be implemented in two stages:

- The first stage in 2021 will focus in priority on monitoring and collecting data as well as identifying best practices on the regulatory framework being implemented and the development of energy communities across the EU as defined in EU legislation. These activities will continue throughout the duration of the pilot project. The data collected would facilitate implementation or, if need be, help identifying revision or improvement of the regulatory framework. Monitoring would be done via a dedicated vehicle (e.g. observatory or secretariat) which could collect data on development of communities and monitor the transposition and implementation.
- The second stage would start in end-2021/early 2022 and provide, through the dedicated vehicle, the communities or initiatives aimed at becoming energy

communities as defined by EU legislation with technological solutions (e.g. for electricity sharing, the use of blockchain) and the necessary tools to set up a community (e.g. drafting articles of associations, contract samples, information on financing opportunities). The second stage will build on the monitoring, data collection and identification of best practices and could create network opportunities among local actors.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date   |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision | 14 May 2020                                    |
| Publication call for tender    | 30 September 2020                              |
| Award                          | Second quarter of 2021                         |
| Interim payments               | Fourth quarter of 2021, fourth quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment                  | Fourth quarter of 2023                         |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission financing decision C(2020)3056 sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage as the details are not yet known because the implementation is still ongoing.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| PP - Energy communities repository – Monitoring and support for energy communities in the Union | Unkown to date           | 1 000 000     |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission is implementing this pilot project by means of a study via a direct contract.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Study and technical assistance service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 07: Pilot project — Engaging companies for energy transition

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 875 000,00   | 0,00 | 875 000     | 437 500 | p.m.    | 437 500 | -100,0 %       | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 875 000,00   | 0,00 | 875 000     | 437 500 | p.m.    | 437 500 | -100,0 %       | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020

The publication of the call for tender has been postponed to 2021 in order to use 2020 and 2021 commitment appropriations.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

A European private-sector dimension will be developed to complement existing bottom-up energy/climate initiatives of cities local municipalities (e.g. the Covenant of Mayors). By engaging leading (industrial and commercial) companies to form a Union-wide (voluntary) movement, the scale, impact and synergies of actions taken by different levels of governance can be increased. Voluntary incentives for action are needed as the share of CO 2 emissions from industry is expected to grow in relative terms compared to energy supply and road transport towards 2050.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 and 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decisions | May 2020 for 2020 credits; Second quarter of 2021 for 2021 credits |

| Step                             | Date   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Publication of call for tender   | Third quarter of 2021                        |
| Closing date of call for tender  | Third quarter of 2021                        |
| Award decision                   | Fourth quarter of 2021                       |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Fourth quarter of 2021/First quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment                    | First quarter of 2024                        |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Decision C(2020)3056 of 14 May 2020 and that for 2021, expected in the second quarter of 2021, set out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, a follow-up is not envisaged.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

The publication of the call for proposals and the award decisions will be later in 2021: to date, these details are unknown.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers and public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 08: Pilot project — Developing artificial intelligence (AI) for diagnosis and treatment of paediatric cancer

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |           |                |        |
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | 1 350 000   | 837 500 | p.m.    | 1 165 000 | -100,0 %       | 39,1 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | 1 350 000   | 837 500 | p.m.    | 1 165 000 | -100,0 %       | 39,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The project will support the development of multi-national approaches to facilitate capturing data on paediatric cancer from multiple sources, and build a multi-stakeholder network to explore the applications of Artificial Intelligence technologies in paediatric cancer. Project results are expected to cover a representative range of stakeholders and solutions across EU/EEA countries. The project is expected to link to and collaborate with relevant Union initiatives (including the European Reference Network for Paediatric Oncology, ERN PaedCan) and build on Union-funded projects (for example, the Paediatric Rare Tumours Network – PARTNER project).

A call for proposals was published in July 2020 and evaluations were conducted in November 2020. The grant agreement is expected to be signed in March 2021.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

One project has been selected and the grant agreement is expected to be signed in March 2021. The project is expected to start in April 2021. Pending adoption of the Commission Financing Decision in 2021, a call for proposal is expected

## 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date             |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 20 April 2020    |
| Publication of call for proposal   | 14 July 2020     |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 18 August 2020   |
| Award decision                     | 24 November 2020 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | April 2021       |
| Final payment                      | November 2022    |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | May 2021               |
| Publication of call for proposals  | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Closing date of call for proposals | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                     | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment                      | Fourth quarter of 2022 |

## 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

Commitment appropriations 2020: The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, set out the main elements of the implementation for 2020 commitment appropriations.

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/pppa-aipc-2020>

Commitment appropriations 2021: The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to early stages of the project.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| EU4CHILD              | Universidad Politecnica De Madrid (UPC), Pic<br>Identification 999974844 | 539 292,59           |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by calls for proposals.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Non-profit organisations (private or public), for-profit private organisations with relevant expertise, universities, research centres.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 09: Pilot project — Smart urban mobility involving autonomous vehicles

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 500 000 | 0,0 %          | -33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 500 000 | 0,0 %          | -33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

The project will help to develop new mobility concepts for passengers leading to healthier, safer, more accessible, sustainable, cost-effective and demand-responsive transport — everywhere. Demonstrating the integration of shuttles into public transport will be a hallmark of this project, including its interfacing with other modes (for instance, by offering transfers to interchanges or multimodal hubs) and integration into the overall transport system. Ten diverse pilots will be realised to test the performance of shared, innovative automated mobility solutions in cities of various sizes and technological/economic/geographical status as well as to analyse the safety, socioeconomic and environmental impacts and the acceptance of such solutions by their users and society as a whole. The project aims at harmonising research and innovation efforts around automated shuttle solutions by assembling lessons learned not from the project's ten pilot sites in ten EU member states.

The general objectives are to:

- Accelerate the uptake of innovative, inclusive, user-oriented and well-integrated automated shuttle solutions for passengers; and
- Increase the public acceptance and use of automated shuttle solutions through fostering a clear understanding of its benefits and limits.

The project's specific objectives are to:



- Validate the functional and safe performance of automated shuttle solutions in operational environments (according to TRL 7-9 on the technology readiness level scale);
- Evaluate the socio-economic and environmental impacts and user acceptance, based on pilot site data and associated projects;
- Validate the potential reduction of transport emissions and congestion by increasing the efficiency of transport flows through automated shuttle solutions;
- Develop a scalable model (addressing interaction with transport users/means, the environment and infrastructure, road and telecommunication infrastructure as well as automotive backend infrastructure) for automated shuttle solutions, enabling their full integration into others' transport systems; and
- Develop guidelines for stakeholder and citizen engagement, policy making, mobility planning for Cooperative, Connected and Automated Mobility (CCAM) solutions and business models, so as to support the full integration of automated shuttle solutions into transport systems and exploit the relevant strategic partnering opportunities between public agencies and the private sector.

Following the signature of the grant agreement one of the sublines of the budget proposed had to be corrected. This required an amendment, leading to a slight implementation delay.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- Kick-off meeting to take place in April/May 2021
- Implementation of the project will take place in 21-22

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022)*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date             |
|--|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | April 2020       |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | July 2020        |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2020   |
| Award decision                                       | March 2021       |
| Pre-financing  | April 2021       |
| Final payment  | April / May 2022 |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?** No follow up is envisaged due at its early stage of implementation.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, and the grant agreement has not been signed yet, these details are not yet known.

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by a call for proposals.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Mobile network operators; road operators; transport authorities; service providers; equipment manufacturers; transport associations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 20 10: Pilot project — Developing a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda and a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 1 800 000,00 | 0,00 | 1 000 000   | 1 150 000 | p.m.    | 1 040 000 | -100,0 %       | -9,6 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 800 000,00 | 0,00 | 1 000 000   | 1 150 000 | p.m.    | 1 040 000 | -100,0 %       | -9,6 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The Commission adopted a financing decision for this pilot project on 20 April 2020. The call for proposals was opened on 11 June 2020 and closed on 29 July 2020. Two submission were received. The award decision was adopted on 26 October 2020. This decision concluded that the grant should be awarded to the proposal ELE by a consortium of 53 partners led by Dublin City University (DCU). The very large consortium of 53 beneficiaries requires a lot of coordination and efforts to get all legal entities validated and assess the financial viability of non-public beneficiaries. Hence, the implementation will take a bit longer than anticipated.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The project will start in the beginning of 2021. The primary goal of the European Language Equality project (ELE project) is the preparation of the European Language Equality Programme, specified in the form of a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda and a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030.

According to the project work plan, in 2021 the project should:

- work on the definition of the concept of Digital Language Equality (the preliminary definition is due in March 2021);

- provide a report on existing strategic documents and projects in Language Technology (LT) and Language-centric artificial intelligence (AI) in March 2021;
- define the consultation process (specification of the consultation process is due in April 2021) and gather input from a range of stakeholders on their needs and visions for digital language equality, including research and industrial networks and associations; user- and LT consumer-related networks and associations.
- provide a report on the state of the art in Language Technology and Language-centric AI in September 2021;
- work on reports for 32 languages (Whitepapers for each language are due in February 2022);
- work on the Strategic agenda including roadmap (the initial version of the agenda is due in March 2022);
- prepare a communication and dissemination strategy (Communication and dissemination plan is due in June 2021) and undertake communication and dissemination activities.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 20 April 2020   |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 11 June 2020    |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 29 July 2020    |
| Award decision                     | 26 October 2020 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | April 2021      |
| Final payment                      | November 2022   |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | May 2021      |
| Publication of call for proposals  | November 2021 |
| Closing date of call for proposals | January 2022  |
| Award decision                     | March 2022    |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | July 2022     |
| Final payment                      | November 2023 |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

2020 commitment appropriations: The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/langeq-2020>

Information regarding the project presented at the META-FORUM 2020 event on 2 December 2020 is available at the following address: <https://www.european-language-grid.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/03-01-ELE-Session.pdf>

2021 commitment appropriations: The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is currently envisaged due to the fact that the project is in its early stages of implementation.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                 | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Developing a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda and a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030 | Dublin City University + 52 other beneficiaries | 1 799 974.12         |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by an open call for proposals.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies, research institutes / academia, foundations.

## 1. Heading

**PP 02 20 11: Pilot project — Support for increased cooperation between industry, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) and Member State authorities for the swift removal of child sexual abuse material online**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 800 000 | p.m.    | 174 050 | 0,0 %          | -78,2 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 800 000 | p.m.    | 174 050 | 0,0 %          | -78,2 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

- Mapping of the main relevant existing data sets of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and related data (e.g. hashes) that could be used to detect and take down CSAM from the internet, and / or to train artificial intelligence based tools to do so.
- Mapping of classifier scales used for CSAM categorisation, and assessing the feasibility of creating a harmonised multi-level classification scale for the categorisation of CSAM.
- Development of recommendations for technical measures for the swift removal online child sexual abuse material (CSAM) as well as for a harmonised multi-level classification scale for CSAM categorisation (task 2)

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 20 April 2020 |
| Publication of call for tenders  | November 2020 |
| Closing date of call for tenders | December 2020 |

| Step                             | Date   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Award decision                   | March 2021   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | April 2021; September 2021; November 2021; June 2022 |
| Final payment                    | September 2022                                       |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/commission-decision-financing-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions-and-adoption-2020-work>

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=6634>

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

Based on the deliverables a possible follow up of this project with a legislative proposal can be envisaged. However, this pilot project will support the ‘EU strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse’.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor   | EUR (maximum) |
|---|--|---------------|
| Support to increase cooperation among industry, NGOs and member states' authorities for the swift removal of child sexual abuse material online | PriceWaterhouseCoopers EU Services<br>Stichting Expertisebureau Online<br>Kindermisbruik | 870 244       |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of public procurement (open call for tenders).

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries- private companies / service providers

Foundations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 01: Pilot project — Completing the green and digital transitions: a European Green Digital Alliance

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    |              | 1 200 000   | 300 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | 50,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   |              | 1 200 000   | 300 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | 50,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In 2021, it is planned to launch the open call for tenders for supporting the activities of the European Green Digital Coalition, launched on March 19 at the Digital Day 2021 event in Lisbon, Portugal. It is envisioned to sign the contract with the chosen contractor before the end of 2021.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date                                  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | May 2021                              |
| Publication of call for tender   | September 2021                        |
| Closing date of call for tender  | October 2021                          |
| Award decision                   | November 2021                         |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | December 2021, second quarter of 2022 |



| Step          | Date                  |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Final payment | First quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

At this stage, it is not envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal. However, depending on the data gathered in the course of the project is possible that the Commission might decide otherwise at a later stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These detailed are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tenders.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Possibly private companies / service providers; public service providers; research institutes / academia; media companies; foundations; international organisation, or a combination thereof.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 02: Pilot project — Enabling sustainable Management and Development of Ports in the Rhine-Main-Danube basin

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 600 000   | 400 000 | p.m.    | 1 200 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 600 000   | 400 000 | p.m.    | 1 200 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

Adoption of the financing decision and definition of the tender specifications for a study and publication of a call.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | First quarter of 2022  |
| Award decision                                       | Second quarter of 2022 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | Third quarter of 2022  |

| Step          | Date                   |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Final payment | Second quarter of 2024 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Decision, expected in the second quarter of 2021, will set out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow-up is envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

To date, these details are unknown.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers; public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 03: Pilot project — Fostering digitisation of public sector and green transition in Europe through the use of an innovative European GovTech platform

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | 20,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | 20,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

This action shall engage with the fast growing GovTech ecosystem to harvest ideas that help public administrations in adopting digital solutions. It will support the development or use of one common platform to gather challenges and allow other public administrations to contribute or form part of a consortium involved in a particular challenge and source solutions from providers.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Following the adoption of the financing decision, during the course of 2021, a call for proposals will be prepared and published.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step  | Date           |
|---|----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                      | May 2021       |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2021 |

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
|--|---------------|
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | December 2021 |
| Award decision                                       | April 2022    |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | April 2022    |
| Final payment  | July 2023     |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this early stage of implementation.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of call for proposal.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Non-profit organisation (private or public); profit making entities; universities; educational institutions; research centres; natural persons.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 04: Pilot project — RESTwithEU

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 500 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 500 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

It is intended to launch and evaluate the call for tenders during 2021.

This pilot project aims at developing the digital infrastructure of SMEs in the restaurant industry around the EU, by:

- mapping the existing tools and carrying out a gap analysis of the tourism ecosystem overall, looking specifically into the restaurant sector;
- the technical challenge is to define and stimulate the development of technical solutions for specific challenges, particularly for the restaurant sector;
- dissemination of solutions, and stimulation of new solutions, and guidelines to support the restaurant sector and the wider tourism ecosystem with the possibility of using the network of Digital Innovation Hubs.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date     |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Adoption of financing decision | May 2021 |
| Publication of call for tender | May 2021 |

| Step                            | Date                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Closing date of call for tender | July / August 2021          |
| Award decision                  | October / November 2021     |
| Interim payments                | April 2022 / September 2022 |
| Final payment                   | June 2023                   |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its first year.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by a call for tenders.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, media companies, foundations, international organisation.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 05: Pilot project — Sustainable rural mobility for Covid-19 resilience and support of ecotourism

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 750 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 750 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

Adoption of the financing decision and definition of the tender specifications for a study, publication of a call and awarding of the call.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | First quarter of 2022  |



| Step          | Date                   |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Final payment | Fourth quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Decision to be adopted in the second quarter of 2021 will set out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, a follow-up is not envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

To date, these details are unknown.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 06: Pilot project — Smart Industrial Remoting: remote working in non-digitalized industries

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 550 000     | 137 500 | p.m.    | 275 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 550 000     | 137 500 | p.m.    | 275 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

The aim of this pilot project is:

- The project shall map existing digital tools enabling digitalisation/remote working within a number of critical EU industrial ecosystems (not less than 3) and perform a gap analysis for each one of them. The work should focus on companies from regions with a low Digital Technology Integration Index (DTII) and Digital Transformation Enablers' Index (DTEI) and should reach out to SMEs in those regions.
- The project shall identify a digital toolbox, which should be used as a contingency plan for digitalisation/remote working within the chosen ecosystems.
- The project shall involve a wide number of stakeholders, including Digital Innovation Hubs to develop and promote existing and newly developed digital tools targeting those industries. The project shall outline concrete policy and industry actions.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

It is intended to launch and evaluate the call for tenders during 2021.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date     |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Adoption of financing decision | May 2021 |

| Step                            | Date                    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Publication of call for tender  | May 2021                |
| Closing date of call for tender | July / August 2021      |
| Award decision                  | October / November 2021 |
| Interim payment                 | February / March 2022   |
| Final payment                   | December 2022           |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its first year.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by a call for tenders.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, media companies, foundations, international organisation.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 07: Pilot project — Smart Contracts - European standards for automated transaction protocols executing contracts

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |        | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Line    |              | 350 000     | 87 500 | p.m.    | 87 500 | -100,0 %       | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |        |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   |              | 350 000     | 87 500 | p.m.    | 87 500 | -100,0 %       | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Launch of the pilot project. The EP own initiative legislative resolution on civil and commercial rules for the Digital Services Act based on Art. 225 TFEU, which was adopted in October 2020, highlights the increasing importance of smart contracts and calls on the Commission to assess the development and use of blockchain/smart contracts, to provide guidance to ensure legal certainty for businesses and consumers and make proposals for the appropriate legal framework. In its answer from December 2020, the Commission announced that it would carry out studies and a consultation to analyse questions on the use of smart contracts on a large scale, with the objective of overcoming obstacles, as well as enabling their use across Member States. The pilot project will be instrumental in this context.

The purpose of the pilot project is to ascertain whether and to what extent there are private law related problems to the use of smart contracts and to assess whether and how smart contracts can help to exercise consumer rights in the data economy provided that they are developed in compliance with data protection rules.

The project has the following primary objectives:

- It aims to promote the uptake of blockchain technology and smart contracts and contribute to the transition towards a digital economy.
- It seeks to support companies, in particular SMEs and start-ups, in deploying business models using smart contracts, while preserving the rights of citizens and consumers.

- It strives to empower individuals to exercise their rights by promoting the development of personal data management tools based on smart contracts in business-to-consumer contractual relations, in compliance with legal requirements, in particular the GDPR.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>            |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | June 2021              |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Second quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment  | Fourth quarter of 2022 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, expected] in June 2021, will set out the main elements of the implementation.

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

- **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

This depends among others on the results of the pilot project, in particular, if the study identifies private law limitations to the cross-border deployment or use of smart contracts, and on the result of the consultation already announced by the Commission. No political validation has been provided yet.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of one or two studies under a Framework Contract.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers (under the Framework Contract).

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 08: Pilot project — Single European Railway Area - Prototype Corridor Munich-Verona

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 600 000     | 150 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 600 000     | 150 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

Adoption of the financing decision and definition of the tender specifications for a survey, publication of a call and awarding of the call.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | First quarter of 2022  |

| Step          | Date                   |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Final payment | Second quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Decision to be adopted in the second quarter of 2021 will set out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, a follow-up is not envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

To date, these details are unknown.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers; public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 09: Pilot project — IRS Smart Cities Project: New Railway Station concept for green and socially inclusive Smart Cities

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 700 000     | 175 000 | p.m.    | 525 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 700 000     | 175 000 | p.m.    | 525 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

Adoption of the financing decision and definition of the tender specifications for a study, publication of a call and awarding of the call.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | First quarter of 2022  |



| Step          | Date                   |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Final payment | Second quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Decision to be adopted in the second quarter of 2021 will set out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, a follow-up is not envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details will be known at a later stage.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers; public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 02 21 10: Pilot project — Effect of energy efficient and solar power generating vehicles on grid capacity and charging infrastructure

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 3 500 000   | 875 000 | p.m.    | 2 625 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 3 500 000   | 875 000 | p.m.    | 2 625 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

Adoption of the financing decision and definition of the tender specifications for a study, publication of a call and awarding of the call.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | First quarter of 2022  |

| Step          | Date                   |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Final payment | Fourth quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Decision to be adopted in the second quarter of 2021 will set out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 18 01: Pilot project — Enhancing internationalisation capacity through European networks of SMEs

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 470 594 | p.m.    | 296 195 | 0,0 %          | -37,1 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 470 594 | p.m.    | 296 195 | 0,0 %          | -37,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective is to assist European SMEs to help them develop, further expand or improve their international business by creating SME networks aimed at enhancing SME's capacity to exploit foreign markets for export purposes. The objective is therefore to increase the capacity of European SMEs to go international by easing cooperation among small groups of firms to improve their competitiveness. Getting together, they can achieve a better performance, increase their visibility and improve their internationalization strategy and performance.

### Activities implemented:

Total budget of EUR 1 500 000 enabled to select three consortia involving Enterprise Europe Network organisations from seven EU countries. Two projects started their implementation on 1 March 2019, the third project started on 1 April 2019, initially for a period of 24 months. The project advanced as expected in its first year where 30 networks for export were put in place. The project coordinators requested however an extension of the grant agreement of respectively two, 5 and 6 months because of the COVID-19 pandemic where the SME networks had to postpone their activities (presence at fairs or events, company missions or cooperation visits).

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Finalise the projects in second and third quarter of 2021; final payments are foreseen for the end of 2021 and early 2022.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 15 February 2018                               |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 21 March 2018                                  |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 19 June 2018                                   |
| Award decision                     | 8 November 2018                                |
| Prefinancing payment               | March 2019                                     |
| Final payment                      | Fourth quarter of 2021 – first quarter of 2022 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

Commission financing decision C(2018)848, adopted on 15 February 2018, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2018\)848&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2018)848&lang=en)

Information on the call for proposals (closed since 19 June 2018) is available at the following address: [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/development-european-smes-international-business-through-sme-networks\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/development-european-smes-international-business-through-sme-networks_en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow up is envisaged at this stage. The three projects selected have not yet been completed and no final assessment of their effectiveness carried out. In due course, the Commission will evaluate their effectiveness and the benefits of any follow-up actions with consideration to the wider support to SMEs carried out through the Enterprise Europe Network.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| BEE NET        | Sicindustria              | 490 750       |
| Ready2Net      | Azienda Speciale Innovhub | 497 149       |

|             |                          |         |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------|
| LOOK-EU-NET | Informest Consulting Srl | 483 263 |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------|

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of action grants.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers.

## 1. Heading

**PP 03 18 02: Pilot project — Independent on-road real-driving emissions (RDE) testing to ensure broad information and transparency for better market surveillance**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 116 250,00 | p.m.        | 1 022 909 | p.m.    | 871 662 | 0,0 %          | -14,8 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 116 250,00 | p.m.        | 1 022 909 | p.m.    | 871 662 | 0,0 %          | -14,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

This pilot project aims at financing measures related to in-service conformity checks by third party testing in relation to Regulation (EC) 715/2007 and its implementing provisions set out in Regulation (EU) 2017/1151. During 2020 the objectives of the project were to perform a number of independent testing of emissions on vehicles, comprising of tests that are regulated like the Real Driving Emissions (RDE) and the World-wide Light-duty Test Procedure (WLTP) tests, but also tests designed to assess the RDE-like tests performed in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the current regulations. Emphasis was put into testing outside current regulated conditions as input to the development of the EURO 7 regulation.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The testing continues with focus on testing at the limits of RDE.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|

| Step                            | Date                                       |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 15 February 2018 (C(2018) 848 final)       |
| Publication of call for tender  | 8 August 2018                              |
| Closing date of call for tender | 4 October 2018                             |
| Award decision                  | 4 February 2019                            |
| Interim payments                | October 2020, February 2021, November 2021 |
| Final payment                   | May 2022                                   |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                      |
|--|---------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                     | 5 March 2019              |
| Re-opening of competition under framework contract | 20 June 2019              |
| Closing date of call                               | 12 July 2019              |
| Award decision                                     | 25 October 2019           |
| Interim payments                                   | April 2021, November 2021 |
| Final payment                                      | May 2022                  |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2018)848, adopted on 15 February 2018, and the Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1646 final, adopted on 5 March 2019, set out the main elements of this pilot project. They can be requested at the following addresses:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2018\)848&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2018)848&lang=en)  
[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)1646&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)1646&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=3723>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**



Yes, the Commission intends to use the results of the projects in the definition of new tests and procedures to be used in its proposal for new emission limits (EURO 7) foreseen by the EU Green Deal in 2021.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|--|----------------------|
| Independent on-road RDE testing to ensure broad information and transparency for better market surveillance | Nederlandse Organisatie voor toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk onderzoek TNO - group leader | 1 600 000            |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Independent on-road RDE testing to ensure broad information and transparency for better market surveillance | CLOVE consortium                | 579 156              |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission has implemented the first part of the project, which was financed in 2018, through an open call for tenders, while the second part was implemented through a framework contract on emissions.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 18 03: Pilot project — Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold in the single market

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 602 822,79 | p.m.        | 315 000 | p.m.    | 315 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 602 822,79 | p.m.        | 315 000 | p.m.    | 315 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

Throughout 2020, the Commission commenced the implementation of the following objectives as part of an Administrative Arrangement "Economic assessment of the differences in composition of seemingly identical branded food products in the Single Market" (DualFoodEcon2) (No. JRC 35588-2020 / GROW SI2.829613):

- Improve the understanding of consumers' perceptions of differences in packaging of seemingly identical branded food products.
- Analyse the potential brand owners' responses to Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD).

Activities implemented in 2020 as part of the first objective:

- The procurement of the outsourced project "Empirical testing of consumers' perceptions and preferences of differences in packaging of seemingly identical branded food products" was launched through the Framework Contract CHAFEA/2019/CP/01 "Multiple Framework Contracts with re-opening of competition for the provision of behavioural studies – third wave". The purpose of this outsourced project is to collect data (using an experimental method) that will be used by the Commission to address the first objective.
- Preliminary evaluation of differences in front packaging attributes of seemingly identical branded food products was carried out based on food branded products listed

in the annex of Commission's report "Results of an EU wide comparison of quality related characteristics of food products". The results of this evaluation will be used to design experiments in the above-outscored project.

Activities implemented in 2020 as part of the second objective:

- The procurement of the outscored project "Data collection on the composition of seemingly identical branded food products in the EU" was launched. The purpose of this outscored project is to collect data that will be used by the Commission to address a part of the second objective related to empirical analyses based on objective data on the composition of branded food products directly collected from retail or obtained from other sources.
- Preparatory work on the conceptual analyses to understand potential brand owners' reaction/responses to UCPD directive" was started.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Throughout the year 2021 the continuation of the implementation of the above two objectives is planned to be carried out. For the first objective, the outscored project "Empirical testing of consumers' perceptions and preferences of differences in packaging of seemingly identical branded food products" is planned to be completed in 2021. The collected data through this outscored project will be used by the Commission to analyse the consumers' perception of differences in packaging of seemingly identical branded food products (i.e. it will contribute to address the first objective).

For the second objective, the following activities are planned in 2021:

- The completion of outscored project "Data collection on the composition of seemingly identical branded food products in the EU". The collected data through this outscored project will be used by the Commission to analyse whether the composition of seemingly identical branded food products differ across Member States.
- Starting the implementation of the conceptual analyses to understand potential brand owners' reaction/responses to UCPD directive.
- Starting the implementation of empirical analyses based on surveys collected from brand owners to analyse whether brand owners have reacted/responded in the past by adjusting versions of branded products offered in different Member States.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>   | <b>Date</b>     |
|---|-----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                              | 5 March 2019    |
| Commitment L-1  | 5 December 2019 |
| Signature of Administrative Arrangement /<br>Commitment L-2 | 18 June 2020    |
| Interim payment   | July 2020       |
| Final payment   | August 2022     |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1646, adopted on 5 March 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)1646&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)1646&lang=en)

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

The project is related to the adopted legislative initiative ‘New Deal for Consumer’ that amended the Directive on Unfair Commercial Practices - Directive 2005/29/EC. The project aims to contribute to the better understanding of the economic aspects, and behavioural aspects of dual quality, and thus can potentially lead to a better implementation of the new provisions.

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

No follow up is envisaged as an amendment to the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD) was adopted as part of the Directive (EU) 2019/2161 of 27 November 2019 on better enforcement and modernisation of Union consumer protection rules, to bring more legal certainty when assessing differentiated food products.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor    | EUR (maximum) |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the single market (PP II)<br><u>Exact title:</u><br>Economic assessment of the differences in composition of seemingly identical branded food products in the Single Market (DualFoodEcon2) | Joint Research Centre (JRC) | 630 000       |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of Administrative Arrangement with the JRC.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Public institution / research centre.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 19 01: Pilot project — Quality of service in tourism

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 350 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 230 970 | p.m.    | 230 970 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 350 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 230 970 | p.m.    | 230 970 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

#### **Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:**

The objective of the project is to establish an understanding of the current market scenario at EU level in the area of tourism accommodation service quality evaluation and certification, the differences and commonalities between existing initiatives in the Member States as well as online. It should also look into the feasibility, scope and EU benefit of an action in this area at EU level that would enhance the comparability of accommodation evaluation schemes and thus enable the consumers to compare the market offer and make informed choices. Consequently, it would boost the industry's capacity to communicate on the high-quality services they offer and enhance their cross-border competitiveness.

The expected results should include a mapping and analysis of existing initiatives within the Member States (hotel star systems) and the mainstream online accommodation review and rating schemes, as well as the collection and analysis of views of public and private tourism stakeholders (i.e. online as well as through stakeholder workshops and focus groups). In addition, an analysis of the role of quality certification in the consumers' choice of tourism offer will be conducted. Finally, an analysis and recommendation of possible action at EU level including impacts, feasibility and benefit will be made with respect to the EU's competences, policy priorities and objectives as well as the subsidiarity and proportionality principles.

The first year of implementation of the contract has been devoted to carrying out a study on the feasibility of possible initiatives at EU level on quality of tourism accommodation services. The study should be finalised in April 2021. In parallel to the study, the contractor

started the preparation of the establishment of the multi-stakeholder platform on online review and rating schemes.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The second year of implementation of the contract will be dedicated, through a multi-stakeholder platform to enhance dialogue, the exchange of good practices and cooperation between public authorities, tourism accommodation service providers as well as organisations representing consumers and other relevant stakeholders with a view to enhance the transparency comparability and coherence between consumer review and rating schemes.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>       |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 5 March 2019      |
| Publication of call for tenders  | 5 July 2019       |
| Closing date of call for tenders | 24 September 2019 |
| Award decision                   | 5 November 2019   |
| Signature of the contract        | 26 November 2019  |
| Pre-financing payment            | 4 December 2019   |
| Interim payment                  | February 2021     |
| Final payment                    | January 2022      |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>   |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 14 April 2020 |
| Publication of call for tenders  | July 2021     |
| Closing date of call for tenders | October 2021  |
| Award decision                   | November 2021 |
| Signature of the contract        | December 2021 |
| Interim payment                  | March 2022    |
| Final payment                    | December 2022 |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

2019: The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1646, adopted on 5 March 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)1646&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)1646&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-documents.html?cftId=4988>

2020: The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)2083, adopted on 14 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2083&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2083&lang=en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage, as this should be decided upon the findings and recommendations of the study and the multi-stakeholder platform. These results should be available by the end of the contract.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                                     | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|--|---|---------------|
| Study on quality of tourism accommodation services | Consortium composed of VVA Brussels (BE) and Open Evidence (ES) | 419 900       |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

The detailed objective of the action will depend on the outcomes of the study covered by the 2019 appropriations (on the feasibility of possible initiatives at EU level on quality of tourism accommodation services). This study is to be finalised in April 2021 leaving three months to launch a tender in support of the action under the 2020 appropriations. The action may in particular assess in detail the feasibility of establishing or coordinating principles at Union level for tourism service quality, including Union competence, benefit, technical viability and market needs.

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of calls for tenders.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Direct beneficiaries of the call for tenders are economic operators offering tourism services and consumers, indirect beneficiaries of the action and public administrations at national, regional or local level and tourism destinations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 19 02: Pilot project — Satellite broadband internet access for bringing educational multimedia content to unconnected schools

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 474 846,05 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 474 846 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 474 846,05 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 474 846 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The general objective of the pilot project is to contribute to assessing the benefits of a broadband connectivity via satellite in areas impacted by digital divide with the support of regional or national public authorities. On 11 December 2020, the Commission signed a grant agreement with the Sat4Edu Consortium composed of the three entities SoftCream Software Ltd, Bara Le and PKL.

The activities for the implementation of this pilot action started soon after the signature of the contract.

Activities implemented:

- Setting up of the SAT4Edu consortium – completed;
- Selection of partners (beneficiaries, i.e. schools, as well as stakeholders for the implementation of activities) – completed;
- Invitation of schools to participate in the project – completed;
- Sign agreements with stakeholders for the implementation of the activities and with schools management bodies for the participation in the testing of the services – under finalisation;
- Preparation of website for the project – under finalisation;
- Preparation for the inaugural event scheduled to take place on 26 April 2021 – ongoing;



- Preparation of the Very Young Teachers sub-project – ongoing;
- Preparation of the multilingual guidebooks – ongoing.

Deliverables submitted: deliverables for WP 1, 2, 3 and 4 were submitted at the end April.

Meetings held: the kick off meeting between the Commission and the consortium was held on 3 February 2021. Since then, regular exchanges are held on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. So far, seven meetings have been held.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- The inaugural event for the official launch of the pilot project will take place on 26 April 2021 in the form of an online event;
- Setting up of project website, social media and YouTube channels;
- Creation and dissemination of multilingual guidebook for teachers and children;
- By mid-2021, deployment and installation of the satellite communication equipment and set-up of a technical support for the participating schools;
- In the second half on 2021, starting of the 12-month testing of the services by the participating schools.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

The project is expected to last 18 months, i.e. until June 2022. Payment appropriations for the payment of the balance are expected in 2022.

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 7 March 2019  |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 19 December 2019, initial version; 12 March 2020, new version |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 31 March 2020   |
| Award decision                     | 2 October 2020  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | 18 December 2020  |
| Final payment                      | June 2022   |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

##### **– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, adopted on 5 March 2019, set out the main elements for the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/other\\_eu\\_prog/other/pppa/wp-call/pp-call-document-pp-bbsat4edu-2019\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/other_eu_prog/other/pppa/wp-call/pp-call-document-pp-bbsat4edu-2019_en.pdf)

The award decision can be found in Ares(2020)7609465. The study “Satellite broadband for schools” is available at the following address:

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/results-satellite-broadband-schools-study>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Any possible follow up can only be envisaged once more information regarding the benefits offered by satellite connectivity for schools is available, which will be the case once the testing of the service by schools starts in the third quarter of 2021.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Grant Agreement       | SOFTCREAM SOFTWARE SP Z 00      | 980 000              |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of grant agreement.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies, legal and financial service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 19 03: Pilot project — Closing data gaps and paving the way for pan-European fire safety efforts

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 188 505,00 | p.m.        | 441 000 | p.m.    | 251 340 | 0,0 %          | -43,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 188 505,00 | p.m.        | 441 000 | p.m.    | 251 340 | 0,0 %          | -43,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The aim of the pilot project is to map the terminology used and the data collected by the EU Member States regarding fire events, and to propose a common terminology and a method to collect the necessary data in each EU Member State with a view to obtain meaningful datasets (based on standardised terms and definitions). In addition to covering the existing practices in the EU Member States, the pilot project shall identify the best practices outside the EU at least in the USA, Canada, Norway and Australia. It shall also cover the existing fire safety terminology and data gathering harmonisation work within the EU and internationally (NGOs, insurance companies, standardisation bodies...).

The work is expected to result in proposing a specific terminology and data collection to be undertaken at MS level. This would allow for knowledge-based decisions regarding fire safety at MS and at EU level regarding buildings fires (i.e. houses, apartment blocks, office buildings, commercial buildings, hospitals, schools and kindergartens, elderly homes, etc.).

The kick-off meeting was held on 6 August 2020. In the meeting contractor (successful consortium) and Commission, services were present. Based on their technical and financial offer, and the discussions in the kick-off meeting the contractor developed the Inception report, which was reviewed by the Commission, Inception meeting was held and the report was approved on 22 October 2020. In relation to first execution of first three tasks as defined in the Inception report (tasks 0, 1 and 2), the contractor developed a questionnaire to be

addressed to fire safety authorities in the countries in the focus of the EUFireStat project. The questionnaire was commented by the Commission and approved for execution on November 2020. The contractor has put up an Internet site for the project; this site will make it possible for all interested stakeholders (beyond those directly involved e.g. in Steering Group) to follow the progress of the project.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

All remaining tasks of the project plan will be initiated during 2021. The start of the project just before the summer break in 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the execution of the project. It will probably end later than anticipated in the project plan (end of 2021).

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                     | <b>Date</b>      |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 5 March 2019     |
| Publication of call for tender  | 19 November 2019 |
| Closing date of call for tender | 20 January 2020  |
| Award decision                  | 14 May 2020      |
| Prefinancing payment            | August 2020      |
| Interim payment                 | June 2021        |
| Final payment                   | February 2022    |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

##### **– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1646, adopted on 5 March 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)1646&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)1646&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/publications/etendering/intranet/cft/cft-documents.html?cftId=5447>

The award decision is available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:366674-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>

The contractor has set up an Internet page for the project. On this page, the project reports will be made available for wider audience after the Commission has approved them. Currently in section “Documentation” following documents are available: the inception report (October 2020) and the minutes of the first Steering Group meeting (16 February 2021). This page is available at the following address:

<https://eufirestat-efectis.com/>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage, however the tender specification aims into this direction in the case this turns out to be feasible. In addition, non-legislative options for data and statistics collection and management will be explored.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Closing Data Gaps and Paving the Way for Pan-European Fire Safety Efforts | Consortium: Efectis - Consortium leader in the project, Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und –prüfung (BAM), Centre for Fire Statistics of CTIF (CFS-CTIF), Danish Institute of Fire and Security Technology (DBI), Lund University, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), School of Engineering, The University of Edinburgh, Dutch Burns Foundation - The European Fire Safety Alliance (EuroFSA), Vereinigung zur Förderung des Deutschen Brandschutzes (VFDB) | 628 500                  |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project following an open call for tender. The contractor has been selected and the contract has been signed in July 2020.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Consortium is composed of private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 19 06: Pilot project — Limiting dual quality and strengthening consumer organisations in the Union

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |            |             |         |         |        |                |         |
| Line    | 0,00         | 948 652,45 | p.m.        | 252 000 | p.m.    | 49 479 | 0,0 %          | -80,4 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 948 652,45 | p.m.        | 252 000 | p.m.    | 49 479 | 0,0 %          | -80,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The overall objective is to strengthen the role of consumer organisations in relation to testing and comparing basic consumption products, both in the national and cross-border context, and at identifying potentially misleading branding. The more specific objective is to enable consumer organisations to test and compare basic consumption products in relation to the issue of dual quality following sound methodological practices, and to disseminate the test results, both in the national and cross-border context:

- To achieve an effective implementation at national level of the 'Framework for selecting and testing of food products to assess quality related characteristics: EU harmonised testing methodology', presented by the Commission's Joint Research Centre on 25 April 2018 and to be used in the design of comparative testing campaigns to assess the composition and sensory properties of branded food products offered within the European Union;
- To develop and implement sound methods for testing and comparing non-food products;
- To identify potentially misleading branding strategies or potentially misleading information provided on the packaging, and to create tools for reporting them in all relevant instances, in order to maximise consumer protection;

- To exchange best practices and to facilitate cross-border cooperation between consumer organisations and/or competent authorities and relevant private players and to improve consumer organisations’ advocacy policies in the above priority areas.

Following the procedure (call for action grants), five projects have been selected:

- “Clean”: Misleading claims/unfair practices on the environmental impact of detergents.
- “ECO”: Guidance on how to carry out product tests and platform to disseminate results among consumer organisations.
- “FoodPro”: Market research and independent testing by consumer organisations.
- “Nordtest”: Testing of household chemicals and label information to identify unfair claims.
- “Same but different”: Enable consumer organisations to carry out food tests and inform consumers.

The five projects are managed through the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal. Deliverables are uploaded on this portal throughout the project implementation. Deliverables uploaded so far consist of project manuals, project info kits, data reports, workshop reports, social media content packages, press releases, progress reports, laboratory test results, etc.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date             |
|--|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 24 June 2019     |
| Publication of call for proposals                                      | 24 June 2019     |
| Closing date of call for proposals                                     | 06 November 2019 |
| Evaluation of proposals finalised                                      | 13 February 2020 |
| Award decision (Grant Agreement Preparation) to be finalised by        | May 2020         |
| Prefinancing or interim payments upon signature of the grant agreement | May 2020         |
| Final payment upon receipt of final report                             | May 2021         |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/rec-cons-rppi-ag-2019;freeTextSearchKeyword=dual%20quality;typeCodes=0,1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programCode=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;callCode=Default;sortQuery=openingDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState>

The award decision is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/rec-cons-rppi-ag-2019;freeTextSearchKeyword=dual%20quality;typeCodes=0,1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programCode=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;callCode=Default;sortQuery=openingDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage; this decision will be made once the outcomes of these five projects are assessed.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---|----------------------|
| CLEAN - Developing methodologies that combines performance and environmental impacts                          | Organizacion de Consumidores y Usuarios-Asociacion (OCU) (ES)           | 249 993,84           |
| ECO - Empowering Consumer Organisations: towards a harmonised approach tackling dual quality in food products | Associazione per la Difesa e l'Orientamento dei Consumatori (Adoc) (IT) | 240 320,01           |
| FoodPRO - Capacity building on consumer comparative food testing  | Zveza Potrosnikov Slovenije Društvo (ZPS) (SI)                          | 202 181,80           |
| NORDTEST - Nordic Consumer Testing of Dual Quality and Misleading Branding Strategies                         | Sveriges Konsumenter (SE)   | 245 925,16           |
| SAME BUT DIFFERENT - is food in Baltic region different from what consumers eat in Western Europe?            | Fundacja Konsumentow (PL)   | 247 394,70           |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of action grants.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Consumer organisations (NGOs) as main beneficiaries and private companies / service providers, public service providers or research institutes / academia as partners.



## 1. Heading

### PP 03 20 01: Pilot project — Smart destinations

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 300 000 | p.m.    | 118 800 | 0,0 %          | -60,4 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 300 000 | p.m.    | 118 800 | 0,0 %          | -60,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The general objective of this pilot project is to improve the positioning of EU as a world tourism destination seeking new mechanisms to boost innovation in the destinations through the deployment of new technologies to create different and highly competitive services. The specific objective is to build evidence on the collection of qualitative and quantitative tourism data in the EU cities and their analysis and use for better policy-making as well as for developing innovative, competitive and sustainable tourism services and offer in urban tourism destinations. The pilot project will be based on a concept of 'urban intelligence' and contribute to the design of a European methodology of tourism data analysis.

The pilot project may include a study to map methodologies in collection, management, sharing and analysing data (possibly in a sample of EU smart tourism urban destinations) and identify good practices in data use and management (including in a broader context of urban development) with a potential to be replicated at a wider European scale. The project may also develop a framework of peer-to-peer learning and exchange of good practices in data management by EU tourism urban destinations and support destinations with deploying data hubs in cities and their coordination in line with the European methodology of tourism data analysis proposed. The year 2020 has been devoted to drawing up the specifications and selecting an economic operator through a call for tenders.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The first year will be dedicated to carry out a study, which should deliver a comprehensive picture on diverse possibilities and current realities on how European cities are using data for tourism development and management; it will map good practices in mastering data and favourable ecosystems in place for the data use. The study will analyse future trends in the data management for tourism and what urban destinations should do to anticipate them. It will also analyse opportunities and areas for stronger cooperation. In addition, during 2021, two calls for expression of interest will be organised: one for selecting independent experts, second one for selecting cities to be involved in the capacity building activities and in building a community of practice.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date                     |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 14 April 2020            |
| Publication of call for tenders  | 27 July 2020             |
| Closing date of call for tenders | 29 September 2020        |
| Award decision                   | 15 February 2021         |
| Signature of the contract        | 26 February 2021         |
| Pre-financing payment            | March 2021               |
| Interim payments                 | May 2022 / February 2023 |
| Final payment                    | December 2023            |

This duration is justified for several reasons: Apart a study, the pilot project will aim also to put in place a capacity building mechanism for cities to master data for tourism purposes, with participation of experts and cities. First, the Commission intends to carry out a comprehensive study on data use for tourism purposes. Based on the study, the Commission intends to prepare the EU Guide and Toolkit for cities to master data and put in place a practical capacity building mechanism for cities. The intention is to work closely with experts and cities in the framework of this tender and having such extended time will enable the cities to build their capacity and strengthen their cooperation, which is crucial for achieving tangible results of this project. Moreover, the longer duration of the contract will make possible to involve more cities.

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)2083, adopted on 14 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2083&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2083&lang=en)

Tender procurement documents are available at the following address: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-documents.html?cftId=6425>.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Some activities promoting European tourism are financed by the programme COSME (2014-2020).

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage because this is a new, and still ongoing, pilot project of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of this particular action and its usefulness.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>      | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Smart Tourism Destinations | Consortium composed of PwC EU Services (BE), Universidad de Malaga (ES), Consultores de Automatizacion y Robotica (ES) | 994 000                  |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by a service contract awarded following a call for tenders.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 20 02: Pilot project — Assessing the challenges and opportunities for market surveillance activities in relation to new technologies and the digital supply chain

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |        |                |         |
| Line    | 250 000,00   | 0,00 | 90 000      | 172 500 | p.m.    | 78 000 | -100,0 %       | -54,8 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 250 000,00   | 0,00 | 90 000      | 172 500 | p.m.    | 78 000 | -100,0 %       | -54,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objectives of the study are the identification of means for EU Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) to adapt to and anticipate new technologies and new commercial patterns and the identification of possible IT solutions to facilitate the work of MSAs and make it more efficient. The contract was signed on 27 November 2020.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The intention for the current year is to develop a system to allow the systematic collection and analysis of relevant sectoral data, including ecommerce data. The data relates to sectors covered by Regulation 2019/1020. One or several important sectors will be the pilots, but the exercise could possibly be extended to other sectors. This exercise would imply:

- Mapping the products covered by sectoral EU legislation;
- Identifying and selecting reliable data sources by sector;
- Creating interfaces between the data sources identified and a central system used and managed at Commission level;
- Providing analytical tools to analyse the data in order to identify priorities for MSA inspections based on criteria to be defined in the context of the study (e.g. new products on the market, increase of ecommerce sales for a specific product, etc.).

## 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 14 April 2020   |
| Publication of call for tender  | 17 June 2020    |
| Closing date of call for tender | 31 August 2020  |
| Award decision                  | 4 November 2020 |
| Prefinancing payment            | January 2021    |
| Final payment                   | October 2021    |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date           |
|--|----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 15 April 2021  |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 17 June 2021   |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2021      |
| Award decision                                       | October 2021   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | November 2021  |
| Final payment  | September 2022 |

## 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

2020: Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)2083, adopted on 14 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2083&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2083&lang=en)

2021: Commission Financing Decision C(2021)2485, adopted on 15 April 2021, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2021\)2485&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2021)2485&lang=en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow up can be envisaged at this stage, as it will depend on the outcome of the projects. If viable, the IT pilot projects developed under this line could be deployed at EU level, in view of harmonising current ways of working and improve information exchange among Member States. If the IT solutions developed are successful and efficient, they might eventually be integrated in a legislative proposal, like the ICSMS system, which is integrated in Regulation 2019/1020 on market surveillance.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Assessing the challenges and opportunities for market survey surveillance activities in relation to new technologies and the digital supply chain | VVA Brussels                    | 250 000              |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

The details for 2021 commitment appropriations are not yet known.

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a call for tenders.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 20 03: Pilot project — Feasibility study for a European asset registry in the context of the fight against money laundering and tax evasion

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 400 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 400 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

In 2020, the financing decision was adopted.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The intention is to launch the call for tenders and award the contract by end of 2021. With a view to assessing the feasibility of establishing a Union-wide asset registry, this study is intended to look into various possibilities for collecting information and analyse the design, scope and challenges of a Union-wide asset registry. Based on a mapping exercise in each Member State, the study will explore how to collect and link information available from various sources on asset ownership (e.g. land registries, company registers, trusts and foundations registers, central depositories of securities ownership, cryptocurrencies, works of art, real estate and gold). The project aims at assessing the feasibility of providing a unique point of access for competent authorities to the various sources of asset ownership in the EU. The objective of the study is twofold:

- Mapping the sources of information pertaining to the ownership by individuals of assets of all types (e.g. gold, crypto assets, companies, real estate, securities); and,
- For each type of source (e.g. fiscal data, land register, securities) assessing whether and how, collection of data into single databases and interconnection of them would be feasible.

This study will inform the Commission of the following:

- The operational feasibility of creating new data bases in addition to the existing ones (Beneficial ownership, bank account and real estate);
- The technical feasibility of an EU asset registry (IT developments in Member States and possible EU interconnection);
- The proportionality of an EU asset registry (or new registers) in the fight against tax evasion and money laundering; and,
- The legal feasibility in particular in terms of protection of fundamental rights (privacy).

For this purpose, the study is expected to include:

- A mapping of existing registers in Member States, including an explanation of how those registers are used to assist competent authorities in the pursuance of their tasks, condition of access (i.e. digital, limitation of access, legal constraints) and possible interconnection at national level between registers (e.g. beneficiary ownership register and real estate register in some Member States);
- A mapping of asset ownership information that is currently not available through single information sources in the Member States;
- For each register/database (existing and new ones), an assessment against the specific objectives set out above; and,
- Technical options discussing the possible design and scope of an EU asset registry (or possible interconnection of specific additional registries). This should identify best practices and options made available by technical advances (cloud computing, artificial intelligence, blockchain ledgers).

The study is expected to include contributions from experts in the relevant field (e.g. taxation, fight against corruption, anti-money laundering, financial markets, IT and legal matters). The project will focus on the various challenges and obstacles to setting up such a general assets register at Union level: legal obstacles (relating to the provisions of the EU Treaties, the objectives of the General Data Protection Regulation, of the policy pursued by the European Data Protection Supervisor and stemming from the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union), factual obstacles relating to availability of data, political obstacles stemming from the distinct objectives followed by national policies of various Member States.

## *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 20 February 2020      |
| Publication of call for tender   | June 2021             |
| Closing date of call for tender  | October 2021          |
| Award decision                   | December 2021         |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Third quarter of 2022 |



| Step          | Date                           |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Final payment | First / second quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)864, adopted on 20 February 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)864&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)864&lang=en)

The call for tenders is currently under preparation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow up is envisaged, as the pilot project will only aim at exploring options and current limitations for the establishment of a general asset register, and inform the Commission of the feasibility, proportionality and compatibility of a general asset register project with fundamental rights.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

This information is not yet available at this stage.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for tenders.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 20 04: Pilot project — Welfare of dairy cattle, including measures to protect unweaned dairy calves and end-of-career animals

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 950 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 285 000 | p.m.    | 285 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 950 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 285 000 | p.m.    | 285 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

This pilot project has four main aims:

- to produce a clear set of good and best practice guidelines for the welfare of dairy heifers, cows and calves on the basis of robust animal-based indicators, as well as guidance on the correct treatment of end-of-career dairy cows;
- to carry out a socio-economic impact assessment of shifting from transport of unweaned male dairy calves over long distances to local rearing and fattening;
- to propose economic models to prevent the transport of end-of-career dairy cows;
- to disseminate the outcomes in dairy-producing Member States and in those affected by the intra-EU trade of live unweaned calves.

The outcomes should strongly draw on the scientific and practical expertise available, including from best practices already implemented.

The Commission developed terms of reference and proceeds to the procurement procedures in order to meet the objectives.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The project was divided in three different studies corresponding to three different contracts:

- Best practices and dissemination of results – Open call for tenders
- Study on transport of unweaned calves – Framework contract

- Study on transport of end-of-career cows- Framework contract

Signature of the three contracts and the kick-off of the three are expected in 2021.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 13 May 2020  |
| Publication of call for tender   | 11 November 2020, 19 November 2020 (FWC)<br>11 February 2021 (open call) – cancelled, to be relaunched |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 19 December 2020 (FWC)   |
| Award decision                   | 22 February 2021 (FWC)   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Fourth quarter of 2021 (FWC)   |
| Final payment                    | Second quarter of 2022 (FWC)   |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)3035, adopted on 13 May 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-documents.html?cftId=7392>

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

- **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to use the results of this project to inform a review of the current legislation on animal welfare.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Study on shifting from transport of unweaned male dairy calves over long distance to local rearing and fattening | Ecorys Brussels N.V.     | 149 440       |
| Study on economic models to prevent the  | ICF S.A.                 | 98 512,50     |

|   |                   |         |
|---|-------------------|---------|
| transport of unfit end-of-career dairy cows.            |                   |         |
| Best practices for the welfare of dairy calves and cows | Open call ongoing | Ongoing |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by the means of procurement procedures (call for tenders).

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Relevant stakeholders, including scientists, veterinarians and NGOs.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 20 05: Pilot project — Best practices for transitioning to higher welfare cage-free egg production systems

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 750 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 225 000 | p.m.    | 225 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 750 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 225 000 | p.m.    | 225 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The project will look into the different systems for laying hens and identify those that are optimal for animal health and welfare. The recommendations, which will include economic aspects, will be supported by robust indicators to measure animal welfare outcomes. The first phase of the pilot project will collect best available practices for facilitating the transition towards higher-welfare rearing and keeping of laying hens in barn, free-range and organic systems. The second phase will consist of dissemination events in at least four countries where alternative rearing systems are still not predominant (e.g. Spain, Poland, Portugal and Belgium) and a final event at EU level with major industry and political stakeholders as well as representatives from all EU Member States. The resulting guidance document will be as practice-oriented as possible and illustrated with case studies (including economic data) on relevant systems from at least four EU countries with the highest proportion of cage-free egg production (Germany, the Netherlands, France and Italy).

The Commission developed the terms of reference and proceeds to the procurement procedure in order to meet the objectives. The contract was signed by the Commission on 18 May and the kick off meeting took place on 21 May.

## 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 12 May 2020                                    |
| Publication of call for tender   | 29 September 2020                              |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 18 November 2020                               |
| Award decision                   | 11 March 2021                                  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Third quarter of 2021 – second quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment                    | Second quarter of 2023                         |

## 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2943, adopted on 12 May 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2943&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2943&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=7392>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to use the results of this project to inform a review of the current legislation on animal welfare.

## 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Pilot Project on best practices for alternative egg production systems | Universiteit Utrecht     | 749 001       |

## 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by the means of procurement procedures (call for tenders).

## 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Relevant stakeholders, including representatives of the major industry, scientists, veterinarians, consumers and NGOs.

## 1. Heading

### PP 03 21 02: Pilot project — Media Ownership Monitor

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    |              | 500 000     | 425 000 | p.m.    | 650 000 | -100,0 %       | 52,9 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   |              | 500 000     | 425 000 | p.m.    | 650 000 | -100,0 %       | 52,9 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget (line PP 07 20 05) and the 2021 budget (line PP 03 21 02).

Digital technology has lowered the entry costs of mass media and opened up a tightly regulated market to a wide range of new players. This has brought about a trend towards concentration of ownership as the business model of traditional media has come under stress. Market failure, regulatory shortcomings and algorithmic news distribution have led to new risks in terms of media pluralism. Transparency of media ownership is consequently crucial, as it is a pre-requisite for meaningful understanding of the market, which, in turn, is required for any concentration control and/or regulatory intervention.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

- create publicly available databases (covering up to six European countries) containing data on the key media outlets that shape public opinion and the corporate entities and individuals which own or otherwise control them;
- include contextual narratives of the country-specific environment and a detailed legal assessment which lends itself to comparative analysis;
- include 10 developed risk indicators in the legal, economic and technical domains which build on the existing work of the Media Pluralism Monitor;
- ensure dissemination of the results via a dedicated online platform, launch events and press conferences.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Drafting and publishing the call for proposal.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                       | <b>Date</b>                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Adoption of financing decision    | May 2021                                    |
| Publication of call for proposal  | November 2021                               |
| Closing date of call for proposal | February 2022                               |
| Award decision                    | April 2022                                  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments  | June / July 2022 – November / December 2022 |
| Final payment                     | July 2023                                   |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, a follow up is planned in the form of a continuation of the activities under Creative Europe as of 2024.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details are not yet known.

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission is implementing this pilot project by a call for proposals.

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Non-profit organisations; international organisations; universities; educational institutions; research centres.



## 1. Heading

### PP 03 21 03: Pilot project — Monitoring the impacts of free zones and guidelines for future modernisation in light of the European Green Deal

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |        | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 300 000     | 75 000 | p.m.    | 225 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |        |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 300 000     | 75 000 | p.m.    | 225 000 | -100,0 %       | 200,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The objectives of the study are to:

- assess and evaluate the impact of free zones within the customs territory of the Union on trade, economic, social and environmental aspects;
- carry out research activities in order to assess the performance of free zones on the aspects mentioned above;
- assess whether changes to the EU customs legislation or to the IT systems on free zones are needed;
- inform stakeholders involved of the state of play, presenting the key elements/results in a clear and effective manner, including the proposals for guidelines, which have to be useful, operational and aligned with the European Green Deal.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date           |
|--|----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision               | July 2021      |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for | September 2021 |

| Step   | Date          |
|--|---------------|
| tender   |               |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | October 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | October 2021  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | November 2021 |
| Final payment  | June 2022     |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, expected in July 2021, will set out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to propose amendments to the EU customs legislation, if the outcome of the assessment of the study would require such action.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action           | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Study (inception report) | To be specified          | 300 000       |
| Meeting to present study | To be organised          |               |

– 2022 commitment appropriations

No commitment appropriations are foreseen for 2022. EUR 225 000 in payment appropriations will however be required in 2022 to be able to honour the final payment of the project.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of an existing framework contract.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

**PP 05 17 01: Pilot project — European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects with genuine added value for the region as a whole**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 410 530,51 | p.m.        | 675 000 | p.m.    | 257 773 | 0,0 %          | -61,8 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 410 530,51 | p.m.        | 675 000 | p.m.    | 257 773 | 0,0 %          | -61,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2017 and 2018 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region was proposed by the European Commission in June 2014 (COM(2014) 357) and endorsed by the Council in the second semester of 2014 (General Affairs Council 29 September 2014 and European Council 23-24 October 2014).

The pilot project was launched at the early stages of EUSAIR implementation and is intended to provide key implementers (National and Pillar Coordinators, Thematic Steering Groups) and stakeholders with a wide range of support required for the effective implementation of the strategy. Support domains include multi-level governance; capacity building of key implementers; awareness-raising initiatives, seminars, cultural events and/or training programmes for citizens in the region; generation, preparation and implementation of initiatives and projects with a genuine macro-regional value.

The pilot project has been implemented by the Commission through direct grants. Direct grants have been provided to the national/regional authorities designated by their respective countries (i.e. de jure or de facto monopoly situation) as 'key implementers' of the strategy.

The pilot project includes following actions (some have been implemented, other are ongoing):

- AI-NURECC initiative (2017). The project has been completed. It delivered a number of results in supporting the implementation of the EUSAIR in some specific fields such as Youth, Creative and Cultural Industries, Tourism and Cultural Heritage and Skills Development & Training.
- Support to candidate/potential candidate countries participating in the EUSAIR (2017). Some projects under this action are ongoing. They are aimed at providing support to the EUSAIR Pillar Coordinator from IPA countries in its tasks. In some cases the implementation is more advanced (Albania), in some other it is at its early stages (Montenegro and Serbia in the Transport sector). The projects duration is 5 years.
- Support to candidate/potential candidate countries participating in the EUSAIR (2018). The project has the same objectives as above for Pillar Coordinators from Serbia in the sector of Energy (project at early stages of implementation) and for Bosnia and Herzegovina (in this case it was impossible to sign a grant of EUR 100 000, due to internal problems in the administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- Support to candidate/potential candidate countries holding the EUSAIR Chairmanship 2018-2019 (Montenegro) 2019-2020 (Serbia) (2018). A direct grant has been signed with Montenegro for the organization of the EUSAIR Annual Forum 2019. The project has been implemented and closed. A direct grant has been signed with Serbia for the organization of the Annual Forum 2020. Considering the pandemic crisis, the Forum was held online in January 2021. The final report should be delivered shortly.
- Generation and preparation of macro-regional projects (2018). A direct grant has been signed with Slovenia as an extension of a previous TA contract (CCI 2015CE160AT068). The project provides support for the development of macro-regional projects aimed and for enhancing the capacities of EUSAIR key implementers (including North Macedonia), and other stakeholders to promote and facilitate the implementation of the EUSAIR Action plan.

Support the implementation of the EUSAIR (2018). A budget of EUR 9 500 was committed for a study on the options for the inclusion of North Macedonia in the EUSAIR. An AMI expert was engaged to this purpose.

- After an initial delay, in 2020, the projects under the Actions “Support to candidate/potential candidate countries participating in the EUSAIR” (2017 and 2018) will go into full swing and expenditure will keep a normal speed as foreseen in the grant.
- The EUSAIR Annual Forum 2020 has been financed under the action “Support to candidate/potential candidate countries holding the EUSAIR Chairmanship 2018-2019 (Montenegro) 2019-2020 (Serbia)
- Under the action “Generation and preparation of macro-regional projects”, Slovenian authorities support the development of project ideas into macro-regional bankable projects as well as provide capacity building for EUSAIR key implementers. The project is ongoing and will run until the end of 2021.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The projects supporting EUSAIR Pillar coordinators in candidate and potential candidate countries (Albania, Serbia and Montenegro) will continue to run throughout the whole 2021. The same goes for the action “Generation and preparation of macro-regional projects” run by the Slovenian authorities which will run until the end of 2021 covering the activities described above.

## 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

### – 2017 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date             |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 14 December 2017 |
| Award decision                   | September 2017   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | October 2017     |
| Final payment                    | 2021             |

### – 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date            |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 26 October 2018 |
| Award decision                   | 2018 / 2019     |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | 2018 / 2019     |
| Final payment                    | 2022 / 2023     |

## 5.3 Documentation and expected results

### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission financing decisions, C(2017)8441 final, adopted on 14 December 2017 and C(2018)6965 final, adopted on 26 October 2018, include the main elements of the pilot project. They are available at the following pages:

[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/tender/pdf/official/2017\\_eusair\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/tender/pdf/official/2017_eusair_en.pdf)

[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/tender/pdf/official/2018\\_eusair\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/tender/pdf/official/2018_eusair_en.pdf)

The rationale of this pilot project is to be found in the Communication C(2014)357 of 17 June 2014 concerning the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) and its accompanying Action Plan [SWD(2014) 190]. All documentation concerning the implementation of the strategy, and namely the work of the EUSAIR key implementers (National and Pillar Coordinators, members of the Thematic Steering Groups) which are the main beneficiaries of this pilot project, can be found on the EUSAIR website:

[www.adriatic-ionian.eu](http://www.adriatic-ionian.eu)

### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

The Interreg ADRION transnational cooperation programme 2014-2020 provides support to the EUSAIR through a strategic project "Facility Point" aiming at supporting the EUSAIR

governance structures and the stakeholders. However, this strategic project is not sufficient to thoroughly address all the main needs of the EUSAIR and notable those of the participating accession countries. This pilot projects aims at complementing the support required by the EUSAIR to be successful. All activities involving the new participating country (North Macedonia) are not yet covered by the ADRION TN programme.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

In the long term, follow-up activities shall be taken up by the Interreg ADRION Programme (Interreg transnational programme). Several cooperation programmes in the 2014-2020 programming period are fully matching the macro-regional strategies in the Baltic, Danube, Adriatic-Ionian and Alpine areas. Not only in terms of geography, but they are also meant to provide key support to their implementation. In this context, all four programmes have included a Priority Axis based on thematic objective 11, which provides support to the key implementers and other horizontal activities. This support takes different shapes in each programme, taking into account the specificities and stages of implementation of each macro-regional strategy. For the future programming period (2021-2027), it is foreseen that the Interreg Specific Objective 1 (A better Interreg governance) will support the governance of the EUSAIR. In the future, many of the activities implemented under this Pilot Project shall be implemented by the ADRION programme.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Adriatic-Ionian Network of Universities, regions, chambers of commerce and cities (AI NURECC initiative) | AI NURECC Consortium   | 800 000              |
| Support to candidate/potential candidate countries participating in the EUSAIR                           | Albania: Ministry of European Integration, Montenegro: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Serbia: Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure | 450 000              |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Support to candidate/potential candidate countries participating in the EUSAIR | Serbia: Ministry of Mining and Energy                                  | 150 000              |
| Support to candidate/potential candidate countries holding the                 | Montenegro: Ministry of European Affairs, Serbia: Ministry of European | 400 000              |

|   |   |         |
|---|---|---------|
| EUSAIR Chairmanship 2018-2019 (Montenegro) 2019-2020 (Serbia) | Integration   |         |
| Generation and preparation of macro-regional projects         | Slovenia: Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (GODC) – Facility Point Plus | 520 000 |
| Support the implementation of the EUSAIR by REGIO/D1          | REGIO / AMI list  | 9 500   |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

Direct grants to national/regional authorities designated as "key implementers" of the EUSAIR in accordance with article 190 of the Rules of application to the Financial Regulation.

Procurement: service contracts (specific contracts under framework contracts).

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

EUSAIR key implementers (National and Pillar Coordinators, Thematic Steering Groups) and stakeholders.

## 1. Heading

**PP 05 20 01: Pilot project — Promoting city partnerships on a global scale for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda of the United Nations with particular emphasis on cooperation on issues and policies relating to the circular economy as well as on issues of air quality, energy transition and the integration of migrants and refugees**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 725 000 | 0,0 %          | -3,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 725 000 | 0,0 %          | -3,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The pilot project will support cooperation between EU and non-EU cities on several themes, amongst others the European Green Deal and “Promoting the European way of life”. Furthermore, by cooperating with non-EU cities, the pilot project will contribute to the Urban Agenda of the EU and to the UN New Urban Agenda.

The pilot project will promote a global approach of pooling new practices from international experience outside of the EU. This can act as demonstration for future EU urban development programmes. Priority will be given to non-EU cities showing a high potential to transfer best practices and experience to EU cities. Within the pilot thematic networks at a global scale will be created with a view to develop pragmatic solutions to specific urban challenges. A database on good practices and an on-line platform to facilitate the exchange of knowledge will support the exchanges. At least 16 EU cities and 16 cities from non-EU countries in total will participate in the project.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:



Following extensive consultation, the non-EU countries and territories/cities to be considered will be Canada, South Africa, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and selected cities in Latin America. Implementation is now expected to start at the fourth quarter and the main reason for the delay is COVID-19 crisis and all related travel restrictions.

The EU and EU local governments, by sharing their multi-level governance approach under the Urban Agenda for the EU, and exchanging with their Canadian, Asian and South-African peers can foster collaboration between different levels and sectors in order to strengthen cities' potential for sustainable urban development.

Since the project allows and actively promotes two-way exchanges, it should bring benefits to all participating entities. By pairing up and promoting exchanges between EU and non-EU partner cities, the project will promote access to expertise and tested practices in urban development to help cities to boost green and inclusive recovery around four priority themes of the Urban Agenda for the EU: circular economy, energy transition, air quality and inclusion of migrants and refugees.

On the theme of integration of migrants and refugees, it is planned that new Latin American and European cities will begin in the second quarter of 2021 a new round of exchanges of good practice. It will build on the successful experience of the URBELAC network, which was supported by the Commission and the Inter-American Development Bank on equal terms since 2011. The following cities have been already selected: Athens, Bologna, Fuenlabrada, Sao Paulo, Barranquilla, Santiago de Chile and Guayaquil.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>            |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | July 2020              |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment  | Early 2022             |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)4558 final, adopted on 9 July 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

The calls for tender will be published on the Europa Website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/calls-for-tender/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/calls-for-tender/)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

The pilot project will help to test innovative approaches on cooperation on urban development policies with non-EU partners, which are expected to be taken forward through other external policy instruments.

#### *5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details will be known once the award decision has been made.

#### *5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The pilot project will be implemented through service contracts (procurement, mainly via an open call for tenders).

#### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Stakeholders in the field of regional and urban development policy, inter alia municipal public administrations from third countries and Europe, research and education institutes, development agencies, NGO, private companies.

## 1. Heading

### PP 05 20 02: Pilot project — BEST Culture: programme to support cultural diversity in Union outermost regions and overseas countries and territories

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 400 000 | 0,0 %          | -20,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 400 000 | 0,0 %          | -20,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The overall objective of the pilot project is to test a financial mechanism to support actions to safeguard and promote the traditional culture of the outermost regions (OR) and the Overseas Countries and territories (OCT). Due to their remoteness and permanent constraints recognised in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (article 349), the EU outermost regions benefit from tailor made support under EU policies and programmes, as presented in the Communication “A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions” (COM (2017) 623 final). The EU outermost regions, as well as the Overseas Countries and Territories located in the OR' neighbourhood, have a rich cultural heritage. In this context, this project is to focus on:

- promoting and supporting local knowledge, popular arts and practices, as well as ancestral culture
- improving cultural dialogue and exchanges amongst OR and OCTs and across the European Union, bringing together artists, cultural associations as well as the general public;
- promote the dissemination of cultural and creative works through small exhibitions and/or cultural shows aimed at promoting the OR's and the OCT's culture in the OR, OCTs and continental European Union.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The grant agreement is expected to be signed in the second quarter of the year, followed by pre-financing.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>            |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 17 August 2020         |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | September 2020         |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | November 2020          |
| Award decision                                       | February 2021          |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment  | Third quarter of 2023  |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 5518 final, adopted on 17 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. Call documents are available at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/fr/newsroom/funding-opportunities/calls-for-proposal/](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/fr/newsroom/funding-opportunities/calls-for-proposal/)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative proposal is envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|--|----------------------|
| BEST Culture: programme to support cultural diversity in Union outermost regions and overseas countries and territories | Institut Français, Association of Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union (OCTA/Belgium), Agência de Promoção da Cultura Atlântica (APCA) | 1 000 000            |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by a grant agreement.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public undertaking, NGOs.

## 1. Heading

**PP 07 18 02: Pilot project — Exchange of media ‘rising stars’ to speed up innovation and increase cross-border coverage (‘Stars4media’)**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |              |             |           |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 0,00         | 1 282 757,41 | p.m.        | 1 349 621 | p.m.    | 524 928 | 0,0 %          | -61,1 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 1 282 757,41 | p.m.        | 1 349 621 | p.m.    | 524 928 | 0,0 %          | -61,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The core of the project was the creation of and logistical management of the exchange programme.

- Work Package 1: Management; Sound financial management, and allocation of resources, regular progress reports to Commission services, connection and exchange between consortium partners and monitoring the progress of pairs of media teams.
- Work package 2: Pilot strategy and quality control; Coordination of the Advisory Committee providing strategic guidance, media independence and quality control from media stakeholders' viewpoint; the Call for expressions of interest (‘Call for cross-border Media Initiatives’), local logistics of matchmaking event “Europe’s Media Lab” in Brussels.
- Work package 3: Selection, training and feedback; Pre-selecting relevant applicants, pairing, and jury-selecting paired teams of ‘rising stars’; identifying training needs; organising lectures during the matchmaking week; coaching the initiatives’ development process conducted by selected pairs of media organisations.
- Work package 4: Dissemination; The development of a communication plan, provision of publicity and media outreach.

The exchanges focussed on specific topics, so-called “waves”. Paired media organisations tested ideas, produced contents and developed initiatives around the topics of Constructive

Journalism, Fact-Checking, Data-Journalism and Artificial Intelligence and Translation technologies

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Stars4Media Second Edition (S4M-SE) is the proposed continuation of the training programme for young professionals (“rising stars”). Its goal is the:

- Promotion of media innovation, along the three following axes: editorial, technological and marketing innovation;
- Building of new media partnerships and supporting mobility and virtual cooperation across Europe;
- Fostering of an environment conducive to quality journalism and media pluralism;
- Boosting careers of future “stars”, notably via a lasting community of media innovators while acting as a virtual incubator, Based on 2020’s achievements despite the COVID crisis, the ambition of this proposal is to a) increase the number of participants, b) deepen the experience and impact.

Participants will be mainly young professionals. As a new feature, media company-internal support will come from senior mentors to ensure efficiency and sustainability. This will encourage investment in the best initiatives, stimulate cooperation between European media and help develop viable business models.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>              |
|--|--------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 22 October 2018          |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | February 2019            |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | April 2019               |
| Award decision                                       | October 2019             |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | October 2019 / June 2020 |
| Final payment  | April 2021               |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>         |
|--|---------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 1 April 2019        |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | July 2020           |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2020      |
| Award decision                                       | November 2020       |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Dec 2020 / Nov 2021 |
| Final payment  | August 2022         |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 2233, adopted on 1.4.2019 and C(2018) 6834, adopted on 22.10.2018 set out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/pilot-project-exchange-media-rising-stars-speed-innovation-and-increase-cross-border-coverage>

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No.

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

The results of the project have been taken into account in devising the first work programme of the new Creative Europe and will continue to be taken into account in the subsequent work programmes. No other follow-up is envisaged.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

#### – 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action            | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| Stars4Media (LC-01337350) | Vrije Universiteit Brussel [VUB],<br>Universitas Sui Generis Brussels | 1 198 481,28  |

#### – 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                         | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|--|---|---------------|
| Stars4Media 2nd edition (LC- 01590082) | Vrije Universiteit Brussel [VUB],<br>Universitas Sui Generis Brussels | 2 099 709     |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implemented this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Non-profit organisation (private or public), universities, educational institutions, research centres.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 18 03: Pilot project — Media councils in the digital era

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 313 952,69 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 87 492 | 0,0 %          | -65,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 313 952,69 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 87 492 | 0,0 %          | -65,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

The objective of the pilot project was to acquire a better knowledge and to support the activities of media self-regulation bodies. In order to protect media freedom and pluralism and to promote professionalism in journalistic content, the action seeks to improve the understanding of the challenges of digital developments through a press / media council cooperation platform, and in parallel, to support the transition of media self-regulatory bodies to the online world. Through exchanges of best practices, the project aims to bring clarity on how to achieve, in a converged media environment, the goals of media self-regulation.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The core activities of the project included:

- Conducting an in-depth survey of the state and models of media self-regulation in the digital environment in the territories covered by the project;
- Designing and filling-in of an online database on (news) media self-regulatory bodies (press/media councils or other bodies fulfilling similar activities) that are active in the territories under consideration;
- Facilitating contacts and exchanges of practices between existing media councils and other media or press self-regulatory bodies in the EU Member States and Candidate Countries;
- Developing a pan-EU Working Group on the digital challenges to discuss the results and recommendations of the survey;
- Providing support to newly established press/media councils in Europe;



- Helping press/media councils to participate in a global dialogue on media ethics in the digital age.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Building on the results of the first edition of the pilot project, the objective of this action is to boost and increase the visibility of the activities of media self-regulation bodies. In order to protect media freedom and pluralism and to promote professionalism in journalistic content, the pilot project will seek to further support the transition of media self-regulatory bodies to the online world. The following core actions are expected to be carried out by the beneficiary during the second edition of the pilot project:

- Maintenance and development of the database on media self-regulatory bodies;
- Exchange of best practices;
- Strengthening of the pan-EU Working Group representing media self-regulatory bodies;
- Support to new media councils;
- Global dialogue.

Within its competences, the Commission will evaluate the interim and final report.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 22 October 2018  |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 21 February 2019 |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 17 April 2019    |
| Award decision                     | July 2019        |
| Pre-financing payment              | August 2019      |
| Interim payment                    | May 2020         |
| Final payment                      | July 2021        |

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                 |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 1 April 2019                |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | July 2020                   |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2020              |
| Award decision                                       | November 2020               |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | December 2020 / August 2021 |

| Step          | Date          |
|---------------|---------------|
| Final payment | February 2022 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)2233, adopted on 1 April 2019 and C(2018)6834, adopted on 22 October 2018 set out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/call-proposals-pilot-project-media-councils-digital-age>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

The project is planned to be continued as of 2022 under the Creative Europe programme.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                    | Beneficiary / Contractor                 | EUR (maximum) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Media councils in the digital age | European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) | 355 265       |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                    | Beneficiary / Contractor                 | EUR (maximum) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Media councils in the digital age | European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) | 349 966,97    |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implemented this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Research institutes/academia, foundations, international organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 18 04: Pilot project — Internship for journalists working in non-European minority languages

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 340 614,35 | p.m.        | 350 000 | p.m.    | 170 308 | 0,0 %          | -51,3 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 340 614,35 | p.m.        | 350 000 | p.m.    | 170 308 | 0,0 %          | -51,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

The objective was to provide media professionals working at minority language media outlets across Europe with the opportunity to undertake internships with European media houses. This will contribute to the professionalization of minority language media and enable participants to gain a broader and more comprehensive understanding of different media and newsroom cultures. As quality news and a diversity of views are essential to democracy, the project aims i) to contribute to quality journalism by enhancing journalists' skills and ii) to enhance media pluralism via a greater variety of opinions and voices. This pilot project did not receive any applicants in 2019 and therefore no grant was awarded. However, in 2020 an award decision was taken as described below.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

Since this action did not receive any applications for this action under Work Programme 2018, the call for proposals was launched again in the year 2020 under the Work Programme 2019.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

- Enhance minority media professionals' knowledge and professional abilities. Indicators: At least 40 media professionals working in minority-language media participate in one of two residence internship schemes with host media organisations, increasing their

knowledge of different newsroom cultures and command of journalistic techniques (as reported through postplacement surveys); Journalists and other media professionals actively participate in online training and networking sessions ;

- Encourage collaborative working partnerships between media professionals working in minority language media and others working in majority-language media outlets within the European Union. Indicators: Minority language media professionals and host media organisations develop and execute collaborative projects through the internship programme; Networking online sessions strengthen new and existing relations between media professionals working in minority language media across the EU, potentially leading to joint journalistic projects; a database of potentially interested host media organisations is developed, allowing potential applicants to search for appropriate placements ;
- Contribute to the open discussion of European affairs in minority-language media. Indicators: at least 10 pieces of content are produced within the Collaborative Reporting Fellowship that portray European affairs in a new format or from a new angle;
- Stimulate innovation and sustainability in minority language media amid the digital transition. Indicators: Through internships and post-programme training and networking, minority language media professionals gain skills and professional insights from their host media colleagues.

## 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 22 October 2018  |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 21 February 2019 |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 17 April 2019    |

Since this action did not receive any applications for this action under Work Programme 2018, the call for proposals was launched again in the year 2020 under the Work Programme 2019.

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                 |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 1 April 2019                |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | June 2020                   |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | August 2020                 |
| Award decision                                       | November 2020               |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | February 2021 / August 2021 |
| Final payment  | March 2022                  |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)2233, adopted on 1 April 2019, and C(2018)6834, adopted on 22 October 2018, set out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/pilot-project-internship-opportunities-minority-language-media-0>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Because the project did not receive any applications under the 2018 Work Programme in 2019, the implementation is still ongoing and these details are not known yet.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| New Perspectives: Internship Opportunities For Minority Language Media Professionals Across Europe (IPI) | International Press Institute,<br>European Academy Of Bozen /<br>Bolzano | 681 228,69               |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Research institutes/academia, media companies, foundations, international organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 18 07: Pilot project — Terrorism victim response coordination centre

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 300 000 | p.m.    | 399 430 | 0,0 %          | 33,1 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 300 000 | p.m.    | 399 430 | 0,0 %          | 33,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

In 2019, the Commission launched an open call for tender for setting up an EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism (two-year pilot project) and finalised the public procurement procedure. In January 2020, the EU Centre of expertise for victims of terrorism started its operations. It will run until December 2021. The website of the EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism was launched, together with the EU Handbook on Victims of Terrorism and Annex (available at: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/criminal-justice/protecting-victims-rights/eu-centre-expertise-victims-terrorism\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/criminal-justice/protecting-victims-rights/eu-centre-expertise-victims-terrorism_en)), list of general experts (to assist victims of terrorism in different domains) and list of specific psycho-trauma experts.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The year 2021 is the second and final year of implementation of the contract of the EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism. The contractor should submit the following deliverables in 2021: national handbooks on victims of terrorism, research report on safe communication channels and report on feasibility of an EU Coordination Centre for Victims of Terrorism. In addition, the contractor should organise training activities for national authorities and victim support organisations, launch the virtual hub of expertise and organise the closing conference.

## 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 – 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                     |
|--|--------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 31 January 2019          |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 7 May 2019               |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 25 June 2019             |
| Award decision                                       | 18 November 2019         |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | July 2020 and March 2021 |
| Final payment  | 2022                     |

## 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

### – **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, adopted on 31 January 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item\\_id=646187](https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=646187)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-documents.html?cftId=4662>

The project website is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/criminal-justice/protecting-victims-rights/eu-centre-expertise-victims-terrorism\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/criminal-justice/protecting-victims-rights/eu-centre-expertise-victims-terrorism_en)

### – **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Under the 2017 Justice programme – call for action grants on procedural rights and victims' rights – the Commission financed a small project related to rights of victims of terrorism (with a budget not exceeding EUR 200 000).

### – **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow-up with a legislative proposal is envisaged. The tasks and activities of the EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism facilitate the practical application of the 2017 Counter-terrorism Directive. For example, national authorities and victim support organisations from Member States are offered trainings on legal and practical aspects on how to ensure support and protection for victims of terrorism.

## 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Activities of the EU Centre of Expertise for victims of terrorism | Consortium of victim support partners consisting of: Victim Support Europe, Association française des Victimes du Terrorisme, Stichting ARQ, and Fondation Lenal. | 299 572,50               |

### *5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a public procurement procedure, with a single contract awarded. All activities of the EU Centre of Expertise for victims of terrorism are under the supervision of the European Commission. The Commission approves all major steps in the execution of the pilot project, including approval of the lists of experts and of the training materials (such as EU Handbook, training packages and national handbooks). The Commission is assisted in its evaluation and supervision activities by an Executive Committee composed of two representatives of the Commission, one representative of the European Network of Victims' Rights, one representative of the contractor and one representative of victim support organisations.

### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Public or non-public bodies, including victims associations.



## 1. Heading

### PP 07 19 01: Pilot project — Measuring the cultural and creative industries in the Union

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |           | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 69 892,61 | p.m.        | 105 000 | p.m.    | 69 893 | 0,0 %          | -33,4 % |
| Reserve |              |           |             |         |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 69 892,61 | p.m.        | 105 000 | p.m.    | 69 893 | 0,0 %          | -33,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The proposal should describe how it plans to carry out research to deepen the framework of statistics on cultural and creative sectors (CCS), starting from Eurostat's existing and planned work. It should include all available data at Eurostat's level and expand the analysis to other existing data and studies at international, national and regional level. Research should focus in particular on domains where data are not fully available at Eurostat, and propose through other existing and new data sources a framework for measuring cultural and creative sectors that could allow better quantification of CCS and comparability at EU level of these data, as well as regular monitoring of the CCS in the EU. The pilot project should be carried on with close involvement of EUROSTAT, building on their work and their already developed methodological framework.

The aim is to propose a statistical framework that could enable regular statistical analysis of the economic, cultural and social potential of the CCS in Europe. It will be assessed in the scope of a two-year pilot project and may be extended to a regular monitoring of the CCS. In July 2020, the Commission published the call for proposals with a deadline for submission of proposals of 14 September 2020. Following the evaluation of proposal, the award decision was signed in November 2020 and the grant agreement in December 2020. The grant will last 24 months.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

During 2021, the Consortium is expected to carry out a thorough research and analysis of existing and possible sources of statistical data for the cultural and creative sectors, starting from Eurostat's existing and planned work, and subsequently start building the statistical framework for measuring the cultural and creative sectors in the EU. The kick-off meeting between the Consortium and the evaluation committee members, led by the Commission, was held in February 2021. Several other online meetings are planned for 2021.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date   |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2019                                     |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | July 2020                                      |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2020                                 |
| Award decision                                       | November 2020                                  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | December 2020, November 2021 and December 2022 |
| Final payment  | first quarter 2023                             |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 adopted on 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of this preparatory action for 2019. It is available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to the nature of the project. It is a pilot project in the form of a study analysing a significant amount of data sources, including private industry statistics.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|

|  |   |            |
|--|---|------------|
| Measuring the cultural and creative industries in the EU | QMETRICS (In Consortium With (Everis / Fundacion Alternativas / Culture & Media Agency Europe / Associacao Cultural Gerador | 349 463,05 |
|--|---|------------|

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The pilot project will be implemented through a call for proposals published in the second half of 2020. The grant agreement was signed in the last quarter 2020.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public or private organisations with legal personality (natural persons are not eligible).

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 19 03: Pilot project — Platform(s) for cultural content innovation

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 324 959,00 | p.m.        | 311 400 | p.m.    | 66 948 | 0,0 %          | -78,5 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 324 959,00 | p.m.        | 311 400 | p.m.    | 66 948 | 0,0 %          | -78,5 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

- Activities implemented: In 2019, a call for proposals was published under this pilot project. Four projects were selected, but only two could be funded due to budget constraints. In 2020, both grant agreements were signed. Subsequently both projects started activities (one in March and another in September).
- Deliverables submitted: No deliverables have been presented so far, but the projects are on track with achieving their milestones and preparing the deliverables.
- Meetings held: Throughout 2020, there were numerous working calls with beneficiaries, mainly relating to the necessity to adapt the agreements to the conditions forced by COVID-19 (mainly changing physical events into online); The Commission also participated in the kick-off meetings of both projects.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In 2021, the Commission intends to:

- finalise the amendment procedures;
- evaluate the interim reports of both projects;
- pay the second pre-financing payment to one consortium and the first and second to the second pre-financing payment to the second one (which delivered the bank guarantee required with delay);
- engage in cooperation between the two projects;
- oversee the progress of the projects and receive deliverables.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date  |
|--|---|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 1 April 2019                                  |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 15 July 2019                                  |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 20 September 2019                             |
| Award decision                                       | 17 December 2019                              |
| Prefinancing payments                                | May 2020 / June 2021                          |
| 2nd prefinancing payment                             | May - July 2021 and September - November 2021 |
| Final payment  | March - June 2022                             |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)2233, adopted on 1 April 2019, sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

Call documents and award decision are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/pilot-project-platforms-cultural-content-innovation-call-proposals>

The platform presenting the ContentShift project is available at the following address: <https://creativeshift.eu/>

The platform presenting the Innocult project is available at the following address: <https://innocult.eu/>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, no further follow up is considered necessary. Possibilities for advancing creative innovation in the EU, in line with this PP, have been made available in the MFF2021-2027 under Creative Europe.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----|
|----------------|--------------------------|-----|

|   |  | <b>(maximum)</b> |
|---|--|------------------|
| “CONTENTshift” – New ways of producing, distributing and promoting cultural content | Frankfurter Buchmesse GmbH - FBM                     | 650 000          |
| INNOCULT  | FZC- Fundación Zaragoza Ciudad del Conocimiento (ES) | 334 739          |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by a grant following a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Groupings of legal entities established in the EU: private companies/service providers, research institutes/academia, media companies, and foundations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 19 05: Pilot project — A first step towards a European framework for mobility for makers

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |        | 2022 DB |        | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
|         | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 69 922 | p.m.    | 69 922 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |        |         |        | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 69 922 | p.m.    | 69 922 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 budget.

The pilot project is intended as first steps of developing a European Framework aimed at boosting mobility of makers as well as exchange of good practices. This pilot project defines and tests policies and actions supporting the mobility and exchanges of experience between the cultural and creative industries, fab labs, creative hubs and maker-spaces and formal and non-formal learning and skills development systems in a cross-sectoral way.

### Objectives followed during 2020:

Following the call for proposals launched in May 2019, a project entitled “Makers eXchange: Makers’ mobility Pilot Project (MAX)” of almost EUR 500 000, for an initial duration of 18 months was awarded in November 2019. The project consortium is led by the European Creative Hubs Network, in cooperation with FabLab Barcelona, UPTEC (Portugal) and Makery (France). The project started its activities with a project kick-off meeting on 5 March 2020. The project carries out a mapping, develops a set of metrics for measuring and evaluating the impact of makers’ mobility programmes in value creation, inclusion and skills development and runs a European demonstrator of makers’ mobility scheme, advocating and sharing of good practice, capacity building and communication. Due to COVID, there has been an amendment of the grant agreement, and the planned final payment is postponed to April 2022. The main objectives are:

- Strengthening trans-national and cross-sectoral cooperation between the cultural and creative industries, fab labs, creative hubs and maker-spaces and formal and non-formal learning and skills development systems;
- Enhancing mobility and exchanges of experience, skills development and practical testing and cooperation opportunities;
- Increasing experience through small-scale mobility scheme testing within already existing relevant European networks;
- Increasing recognition of the maker movement, creative hubs and fablabs and their contribution to skills development and social inclusion;
- Good practice examples and recommendations for further policy making.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- Enhance mobility and exchanges of experience, skills development and practical testing and cooperation opportunities through the second round of exchanges between makers using the data collected from the first round of online exchanges (20 exchanges between June - August 2021) ;
- Develop a guide to mobility, which is constantly enhanced and updated throughout the project ;
- Create an interactive tool on the project’s website to map mobility opportunities for makers ;
- Enhancing the impact evaluation framework developed throughout the project ;
- Organise a roundtable (October 2021) and a co-creation workshop with regional and European policy makers to raise awareness on the importance of mobility for makers ;
- Organise a conference to present the results of the project (planned for October 2021);
- Create a communication toolbox of the project for hubs ;
- Present and disseminate the project results and impact in relevant events and conferences.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>              |
|--|--------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 12 March 2019            |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2019                 |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | August 2019              |
| Award decision                                       | November 2019            |
| Pre-financing payments                               | December 2019 / May 2021 |
| Final payment  | April 2022               |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**



The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 of 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of this pilot project for 2019. The link to the Europa site is available at the following address;

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/annual-work-programmes_en)

Call documents are available at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls/eac-s09-2019\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls/eac-s09-2019_en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow-up is envisaged. The ‘Mobility of makers’ could indeed be one of the actions implemented under the new 2021-2027 Erasmus+ Programme, because of the wide scope of the new programme.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>            | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Pilot Project – Makers' Mobility | Coordinator: European Creative Hubs Network (ECHN)<br><br>Members: Associação de Transferência de Tecnologia da Asprela (UPTEC Porto); Institut d'Arquitectura Avançada de Catalunya (IAAC Catalunya); Digital Art International (ART2M) | 349 607.52           |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The pilot project is being implemented through a call for proposals. A grant agreement was signed with a consortium (see details under point 5.4). The maximum duration of the project shall be 18 months.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public or private organisations, public service providers, research institutes/academia, media companies, foundations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 19 07: Pilot project — Jewish Digital Cultural Recovery Project

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |           | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |           |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 490 000,00   | 98 000,00 | p.m.        | 441 000 | p.m.    | 196 000 | 0,0 %          | -55,6 % |
| Reserve |              |           |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 490 000,00   | 98 000,00 | p.m.        | 441 000 | p.m.    | 196 000 | 0,0 %          | -55,6 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

This action is intended to complement and scale up the work aimed at developing of a comprehensive object-level database of relevant archival material of Jewish-owned cultural assets plundered by the Nazis, currently run by the Commission for Art Recovery (CAR) and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany (Claims Conference). In particular, the action will (1) widen the thematic scope; (2) extend the database to additional collections; (3) use more advanced applied technology like image recognition; as well as (4) foster partnership networks. The project will assist to victims, museums, and the art market through a database, which could ultimately lead to an EU-wide overview of looted artworks, facilitate research and help to protect Europe's cultural heritage.

The pilot project is designed to meet the following specific objectives:

- Deepen the methodological framework developed in the first phase of the project, to map, explore and digitise relevant archival material, retrieve information from documents, create connections between the related;
- Test the approach by digitising other collections, building on the experiences of the Schloss collection;
- Publicise good practice and case studies for tracking looted pieces of cultural heritage, notably in a form of a book and travelling exhibition;
- Foster partnerships and networks of relevant actors in EU Member States, including archives, museums, governmental and cultural heritage organisations;
- Make the data accessible to broader audiences via a dedicated web portal;

- Deepen the educational and awareness raising approaches in relation to historical memory of Jewish art spoiled during World War II.

**Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years’ implementation:**

The objective set for 2019 - to finalise the procedure related to the pilot project - was achieved. The call for proposal was published in July 2019. Following the evaluation of the proposal received from the Commission for Art Recovery (monopoly situation), the award decision was adopted in November 2019. This made possible to start the implementation of the pilot project in January 2020. The previous pilot project started in January 2020; the kick-off meeting took place on 19 February 2020. Its main objectives and the activities implemented in Phase I shall include archival research, scanning and digitization, as well as communication activities in relation to the project.

The pilot project aimed to deliver the following results in 2020:

- Extension of a publicly accessible object-level database of Jewish-owned cultural assets plundered during the Nazi era from the time of their spoliation to the present;
- Continue developing a web portal hosting this database that permits – by various archival sources – further research and documentation of the looted cultural objects plundered. This implies use of a high quality visualisation and display technology;
- Design and disseminate educational material in relation to looted heritage and provenance research, as well as communication material with examples of good practice, relevant for the victims, museums, and the art market. A project press release was published in autumn 2020 and picked up by various publications including the Art Newspaper;
- A proposal for the extension and maintenance of the database.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The pilot project aims to continue delivering on the same results in 2021.

The project is due to complete the object-level database of provenance data on all 330 paintings in the Schloss collection in 2021, and to finalise educational and communication materials. An amendment to the contract has been prepared to allow for an adjustment to budget allocations and a short extension to the project duration, both due to COVID impacts on travel and access to archives.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                    | <b>Date</b>   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | March 2019    |
| Request to submit a proposal   | July 2019     |
| Closing date                   | July 2019     |
| Award decision                 | December 2019 |
| First prefinancing payment     | January 2020  |

| Step                        | Date                      |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Second prefinancing payment | July 2020 / February 2021 |
| Final payment               | July 2021                 |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date          |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2020    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | June 2021     |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | August 2021   |
| Award decision                                       | November 2021 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | December 2021 |
| Final payment  | December 2023 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 adopted on 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of the implementation of the pilot project for 2019. It is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

The preliminary project website is available at the following address:

<http://jdcprp.org/>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|

|  |                            |         |
|--|----------------------------|---------|
| Jewish Digital Cultural Recovery Project | Comission for Art Recovery | 490 000 |
|--|----------------------------|---------|

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                    | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Jewish Digital Cultural Recovery Project | Not yet known                   | 490 000              |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implemented this pilot project by means of grants. The pilot project is implemented through an open call for proposals.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public or private organisations with legal personality (natural persons are not eligible to apply).

## 1. Heading

**PP 07 20 02: Pilot project — Developing and trialling an infrastructure for mechanisms to protect children’s rights in the online domain on the basis of the GDPR and other Union legislation relevant to children in the online domain**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |          | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 8 640,00 | p.m.        | 592 000 | p.m.    | 1 036 000 | 0,0 %          | 75,0 % |
| Reserve |              |          |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 8 640,00 | p.m.        | 592 000 | p.m.    | 1 036 000 | 0,0 %          | 75,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The objective of the pilot project is to demonstrate an interoperable technical infrastructure dedicated to the implementation of child protection mechanisms (such as age verification) and parental consent mechanisms as required by relevant Union legislation, such as the Audio Visual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Technical measures will be based on the use of electronic identification means; in particular, electronic identification schemes notified by Member States under the Electronic Identification Authorisation and Trust Services (eIDAS) Regulation.

The AVMSD requires Member States to ensure that video-sharing platform providers take measures to protect minors when using their services. Such measures can include age verification systems for users of video-sharing platforms with respect to content that may impair the physical, mental or moral development of minors (Article 28b.3(f)).

The GDPR specifies the age as of which children may consent to processing in relation to information society services (Article 8(1)). When the child is below the specified age, the GDPR requires controllers to make reasonable efforts to verify that consent is given or authorised by the holder of parental responsibility over the child, taking into consideration available technology (Article 8(2)).

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 20 April 2020 |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 14 May 2020   |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 15 July 2020  |
| Award decision                     | October 2020  |
| Pre-financing payment              | March 2021    |
| Interim payment                    | March 2022    |
| Final payment                      | January 2023  |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|---|---|---------------|
| Electronic identification and trust services for children in Europe | UPcom Ypiresies Pliroforikis Etairi A Periorismenis Efthinis + 11 other beneficiaries | 1 477 412.54  |

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Providers of national eIDs in the countries where the infrastructure will be piloted, video-sharing platform providers or other similar providers of online content for children, industry providing age verification solutions, civil society, academia and/or research centres.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 20 03: Pilot project — Union grants for small-scale online media: supporting high-quality news products and tackling fake news

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 2 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 100 000 | p.m.    | 1 100 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 2 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 100 000 | p.m.    | 1 100 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Dedicated Union grants for small-sized online media wishing to develop fact-checking capabilities, to fact checkers and academics for development and dissemination of innovative solutions including fostering the collaboration between fact checking organisations, media and universities. The support shall not interfere with the independence of the organisations receiving the funding. The call was published in the third quarter of 2020 and the award decision will be finalised in the second quarter of 2021 with an envisaged start date in the third quarter of 2021.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date               |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | April 2020         |
| Publication of call for proposals  | Third quarter 2020 |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 15 December 2020   |



| Step                             | Date                |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Award decision                   | Second quarter 2021 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Third quarter 2021  |
| Final payment                    | Fourth quarter 2022 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 2259, adopted on 20 April 2020 sets out the main elements of the implementation.

Call for proposal <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/eu-grants-small-scale-online-media-supporting-high-quality-news-products-and-tackling-fake-news>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its second year.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details will be known once the award decision has been made.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Fact-checkers, academic researchers, small sized online media companies, non-governmental organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 20 04: Pilot project — Integrity of social media

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 900 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 450 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 900 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 450 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The implementation of the project in 2020 was on hold, waiting for the European Digital Media Observatory to become operational. The implementation of this pilot project needs to be coordinated with the EDMO – the activities of which have started only in June 2020 in order to avoid funding similar activities under the two projects.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

This Pilot Project aims to build on the work carried out by the Platform observatory and Fake News initiatives of the European Commission and the European Science and Media Hub of the European Parliament. Its purpose would be to monitor, identify, study and eventually face efforts to manipulate the perception of the users. The call will be published in the second quarter of 2021 and the award decision will be finalised by the end of the year with an envisaged start date in the first quarter of 2022.

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step  | Date          |
|---|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                      | 20 April 2020 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender | May 2021      |

| Step   | Date          |
|--|---------------|
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2021     |
| Award decision                                       | November 2021 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | January 2022  |
| Final payment  | June 2023     |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to its early stages of implementation.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Fact-checkers, academic researchers, small sized online media companies, non-governmental organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 20 06: Pilot project — A European public sphere: a new online media offer for young Europeans

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |           |         |           |                |        |
| Line    | 2 500 000,00 | 0,00 | 2 000 000   | 1 750 000 | p.m.    | 2 250 000 | -100,0 %       | 28,6 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 2 500 000,00 | 0,00 | 2 000 000   | 1 750 000 | p.m.    | 2 250 000 | -100,0 %       | 28,6 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The young citizens of the Union are consuming information and entertainment foremost online, using sources such as social media and content-sharing platforms. Internet is their preferred way to get information about national and Union-related topics. However, legacy media are struggling to capture their attention, and there is a gap in communicating topics related to the Union and, generally speaking, a European dimension, to young Europeans, partially because of the lack of a truly transnational media public sphere. The pilot project will aim at covering relevant themes and topic, empowering young citizens of the Union through current and future information and dialogue platforms, with relevant themes, topics and debates specifically tailored for younger audiences. With a focus on informative, thought-provoking, entertaining and emotive content, the content will be made accessible on different kinds of social media, as well as other online gateways. Among the activities in 2020 was the launched call for proposals, where two out of ten applications were selected. Both projects will now run from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In line with the objectives in 2020, support will be given to production and distribution of daily, thought-provoking content from across Europe around current affairs, particularly targeting young Europeans. The aim is to stimulate editorially independent, innovative, cross-

border editorial processes resulting in engaging formats presenting multiple viewpoints, and to stimulate debate around topics that affect young people across the EU.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 20 April 2020 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2020      |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2020     |
| Award decision                                       | November 2020 |
| Pre-financing payment                                | February 2021 |
| Interim payment                                      | October 2021  |
| Final payment  | April 2022    |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 4 May 2021    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | July 2021     |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Sept 2021     |
| Award decision                                       | December 2021 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | February 2022 |
| Final payment  | April 2023    |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259 was adopted on 20 April 2020.

Details for the two selected projects following the first Call for Proposals (2020 commitment appropriations) have been published on <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/two-media-consortia-receive-eu-support-enrich-pan-european-debate-among-young-europeans>

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

At this stage, no follow up is envisaged, as no results are available yet.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations (two projects will receive co-financing, for the following amounts):

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| SPHERA                | Babel International, FR; Stichting Are We Europe, NL; Arty Farty, FR; Dinamo, IT; Bulle Media, BE; Street Press, FR; Cooperativa editorial, S. COOP - El Salto, ES; Editorial Linkiesta.it SRL, IT; Home Town Media GmbH – Metropole, AT; Outriders spolka, PL | 1 224 745                |
| ENTR                  | Deutsche Welle, DE; France Médias Monde, FR; Rádio e Televisão de Portugal (RTP); Ringier Axel Springer Polska; Group4 Media, RO   | 1 275 058,11             |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Media organisations, non-profit organisations (including youth organisations).

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 21 01: Pilot project — Building investigative capacity to better fight doping in sport in Europe

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 858 000 | -100,0 %       | 128,8 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 858 000 | -100,0 %       | 128,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2021 budget.

The goals of the pilot project are as follows:

- Develop a set of complementary measures and activities that would address the issues mentioned above and have concrete benefits for the maximum number of European Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs), and, more generally, the anti-doping system;
- Allow ADOs to partner with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to conduct investigations, protect whistle-blowers and cooperate on joint investigations with law enforcement agencies and the global network of investigators;
- Build capacity in the European anti-doping system, reduce the prevalence of doping in sport and maximise the health benefits generated by the practice of clean sport by European youths.

The pilot project will be built on the following four pillars:

- Assistance to develop a robust legislative framework that allows for the sharing of information between ADOs, law enforcement agencies and WADA and for the protection of whistle-blowers;
- Assistance to develop the best mechanism (forums, conferences or online platforms) for sharing information on legislation and best practices on investigations, and on protecting whistle-blowers;
- Assistance to build the investigative capacity of ADOs by providing training sessions to employees or hiring experts;
- Assistance to allow ADOs to contribute to global networks of investigators.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The budget foreseen under this call for proposals is EUR 1 430 000 in 2021. Only one project will be funded in 2021. The project will contribute in many ways to the objectives of the EU, including by:

- Protecting public health – doping is not just a problem affecting elite athletes and sport, but also a threat to society as a whole, especially youths. Research attest a growth in the use of steroids and other prohibited substances by amateur athletes and youths to look and perform better;
- Providing new tools to combat organised crime – selling doping substances is a ‘low-risk, highly profitable activity’. Research demonstrates the involvement of organised crime in the manufacturing and trafficking of doping substances in sport, along with other illicit substances. Sharing of information between ADOs and law enforcement ADOs will help to optimise the fight against manufacturing and trafficking in doping substances;
- Improving sports governance in and outside Europe – this project will help to strengthen the governance of sport organisations and to share EU values with other partners through the involvement of non-EU countries in the project.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2021    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | April 2021    |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | May 2021      |
| Award decision                                       | October 2021  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | December 2021 |
| Final payment  | 2023          |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)1658, adopted on 17 March 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2021-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2021-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

- **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**



No follow up is envisaged at this stage. It is only the first year of this Pilot Project.

#### *5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

#### *5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of grants, procurement and contracting experts.

- Grants: The pilot project will be implemented through a call for proposals. The selected project should be led by an organisation with a clear international reach, a proven track record of work in the anti-doping field and an investigative capacity.
- Procurement: The Commission will support the promotion, dissemination and valorisation of the projects through the pilot project. This will take the form of communication activities, seminars and conferences, which will be developed through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures. The Commission will manage the selection and evaluation process through appropriate IT tools. The development of this IT tool will be financed within the pilot project through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures.

#### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Entity with international reach, working in the field of doping and with proven investigative capabilities.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 21 02: Pilot project — European Narrative Observatory to fight Disinformation post-COVID19

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 200 000   | 300 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 200 000   | 300 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The project will create a European Observatory on the Narrative Distribution to monitor and analyse how new narratives are created and spread within European public discourse, decipher the emotional values that guide successful narratives, map sources and key actors active in the spreading of these narratives and develop recommendations for effective communication and policy. The call will be published in quarter four of 2021 and the award decision will be finalised by the second quarter of 2022 with an envisaged start date in the third quarter of 2022.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step  | Date         |
|---|--------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                      | 4 May 2021   |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender | October 2021 |

| Step   | Date           |
|--|----------------|
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | January 2022   |
| Award decision                                       | June 2022      |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | September 2022 |
| Final payment  | December 2023  |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its first year.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Fact-checkers, academic researchers, small sized online media companies, non-governmental organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 21 03: Pilot project — Cross-Border Crisis Response Integrated Initiative (CB-CRII)

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 600 000   | 400 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 600 000   | 400 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

To define the methodology to be applied for setting up the tools described in the project, namely the methodology and characteristics of the platform mapping out cross-border public services, obstacles and solutions to their development. To prepare the tenders for setting up those tools, taking into account the outcomes of ongoing studies on cross-border public services currently implemented by the European Commission. To reach the definition of the key elements of the protocol of actions described in point 3 of the expected results of the project.

The Commission has an ongoing study on the theme that is exploring the methodological and technical conditions to be used in the pilot project. Therefore, the tender cannot be launched too soon to avoid duplication of efforts, and to increase the effectiveness of the pilot project.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision               | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for | Fourth quarter of 2021 |

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| tender   |                        |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | First quarter of 2022  |
| Award decision                                       | First quarter of 2022  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Second quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment  | Fourth quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, expected in the second quarter of 2021, will set out the main elements of this pilot project.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No immediate follow up with legislative proposals is envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation these details are not known yet.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of procurement, via open calls for tenders.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

To be determined once contracted.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 21 04: Pilot project — Study on Loneliness, focus on mental health

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 350 000 | -100,0 %       | 40,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   |              | 1 000 000   | 250 000 | p.m.    | 350 000 | -100,0 %       | 40,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Signature of an administrative agreement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) that will start to implement the first of two phases of the pilot project by producing policy briefs and launching a survey to collect new data is planned for 2021.

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 coherently provide best practices and recommendations to combat the social exclusion and mental health issues related to loneliness. The first phase will be taking stock of loneliness studies and initiatives on local, regional and (inter)national level, be it private or public. The second phase will bring all the initiatives together in an easily accessible and user-friendly platform.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations for the Administrative Agreement with JRC (first phase)

| Step                           | Date        |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 31 May 2021 |
| Award decision                 | July 2021   |

| Step                             | Date                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Prefinancing or interim payments | October 2021          |
| Final payment                    | First quarter of 2023 |

– 2021 commitment appropriations for the open call for tenders (second phase)

| Step                             | Date                   |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 31 May 2021            |
| Publication of call for tender   | May 2022               |
| Closing date of call for tender  | June 2022              |
| Award decision                   | July 2022              |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Fourth quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment                    | Fourth quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)3754, adopted on 31 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following website:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2021\)3754&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2021)3754&lang=en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow-up is envisaged for the moment; however, the results of the pilot project will be collected on a dedicated web platform that will allow visualising figures and data on loneliness in Europe.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of an administrative agreement with the JRC and a call for tenders.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

In the first phase public institution and research centre. In the second phase to be determined once, the procurement is launched.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 21 05: Pilot project — Understanding the value of a European gaming society

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 450 000     | 112 500 | p.m.    | 225 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 450 000     | 112 500 | p.m.    | 225 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Understanding the value of a European gaming society by looking at the large financial and cultural impact videogames is having on society. Therefore, governments and policy makers need to gain a better understanding of it and learn how Europe could play a smarter and more active role, both in its use and its creation. This pilot project will create an interdisciplinary European network of experts, thinkers and leaders willing to share their vision about the value and potential of gaming in the future of our society, our culture and our economy. The network will hold a series of exchange meetings with stakeholders of key sectors and influence groups in areas like politics, finance, law, education, culture, science and health, looking to shape a European agenda for games. Observations and conclusions of these meetings will lead to shareable reports that will point out strategic areas of collaboration between the games industry and the public sector, particularly at European level, in order to promote the understanding of the opportunities and challenges ahead for the European video game sector.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|



| Step   | Date                         |
|--|------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | May 2021                     |
| Publication of call for proposals                    | June 2021                    |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2021               |
| Award decision                                       | November 2021                |
| Prefinancing payment                                 | December 2021 / January 2022 |
| Interim payment                                      | September 2022               |
| Final payment  | March 2023                   |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its first year.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Communication companies, policy analysts, technical assistance providers, research bodies.

## 1. Heading

**PP 07 21 07: Pilot project — BIG (Basic Income Guarantee) E-pay cards for marginalised people: innovative financial and policy instrument to promote the more effective delivery of welfare benefits for people in extreme poverty**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    |              | 2 000 000   | 500 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | -100,0 %       | 60,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   |              | 2 000 000   | 500 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | -100,0 %       | 60,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The Commission intends to sign an administrative agreement with the World Bank.

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; it will promote an approach linking welfare benefits to participation in active inclusion measures. It will explore and test new and innovative mechanisms to make more effective the delivery method of welfare benefits to people in extreme poverty, including Roma. It 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. 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.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date                   |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 31 May 2021            |
| Award decision                   | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Final payment                    | Fourth quarter of 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)3754, adopted on 31 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following website:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2021\)3754&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2021)3754&lang=en)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to examine the opportunity of a follow-up action on the basis of the results of the pilot project.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of an administrative agreement with the World Bank.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

International organisation.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 21 08: Pilot project — Media representation and inclusion for refugees and migrants

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 500 000     | 125 000 | p.m.    | 250 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 500 000     | 125 000 | p.m.    | 250 000 | -100,0 %       | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2021:

Launch of a call for proposal, evaluation of proposals and award decision. Negotiation and signature of a grant. The pilot project will work on two objectives:

- Identify solutions and best practices for how media (re)presentation and visibility of the vulnerable group of migrants and refugees (“migrants”) can remain in the mainstream media across Europe, even when other topics are becoming dominant in the media activities ;
- Identify solutions and best practices on how migrants can actively participate in shaping their image in the (social) media in light of improving their conditions, including through collaboration with creative and inclusive people.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision               | 4 May 2021             |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for | Second quarter of 2021 |

| Step   | Date                   |
|--|------------------------|
| tender   |                        |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | First quarter of 2022  |
| Final payment  | First quarter of 2023  |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Not for the moment but it is envisaged that the pilot project will inform policy development on Social Media policy.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of grant following a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies, public service providers, research institutes/academia, media companies, foundations, international organisations.

## 1. Heading

**PP 07 21 09: Pilot project — Temporary citizens’ assemblies: transforming societal consensus into a way of acting and establishing best practices to engage citizens more in EU public life**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 2 000 000   | 500 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | -10,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 2 000 000   | 500 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | -10,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Against the backdrop of the Conference on the Future of Europe, all three European Union institutions have pointed to the relevance of the format to engage with citizens and ensure quality recommendations. This pilot project could therefore offer the possibility to experiment further the format of EU wide citizens’ assemblies in order to tackle policy. The pilot project will:

- consist of the organisation of experimental Citizens’ Assemblies as online, hybrid or physical meetings that benefit from the experience of the EU Citizens’ Panels under the Conference on the Future of Europe;
- contribute to the further exploration of the deliberative methodology in EU policy making;
- contribute to the funding that will be used to have an accompanying assessment of the Citizens’ Panels that can assess the effectiveness of the applied methodology.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

- 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                              | Date                        |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision    | 8 April 2021                |
| Prefinancing and Interim payments | December 2021 and June 2022 |
| Final payment                     | December 2022               |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)2121, adopted on 8 April 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage due to it being the first year of implementation.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation of this pilot project, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of procurement procedures (use of existing framework contracts).

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 07 21 14: Pilot project — BELE – Building Europe with Local Entities

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 800 000     | 200 000 | p.m.    | 180 000 | -100,0 %       | -10,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 800 000     | 200 000 | p.m.    | 180 000 | -100,0 %       | -10,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Reinforcing EU democracy means both strengthening the transnational dimension of European democracy, notably through the European Parliament and citizens' engagement at EU level, but also "Europeanising" all levels of democracy in the Member States. In particular, the local level, which usually benefits from a higher level of trust from and proximity with citizens, including in rural areas, is a very relevant intermediary for relaying communication and organising accessible events to trigger citizens' participation. In all Member States, efforts have been made to include the local entities in communication strategies on EU issues or to mobilise citizens in debates, in a form that is more or less formalised. Triggering and anchoring more of these initiatives through a specific focus and funding seems therefore very appropriate.

The pilot project will:

- provide support for the organisation of events on the ground, with the closest possible involvement of EU local councillors;
- promote the cooperation among EU councillors and the most advanced examples as a positive benchmark to be mainstreamed;
- ensure the promotion of synergies with other existing initiatives, notably other networks.

The result of the project could consist of the spreading of best practice in the EU, i.e. by identifying and highlighting engaged municipalities/local councillors.



5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                              | Date                              |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision    | 8 April 2021                      |
| Prefinancing and interim payments | Second and fourth quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment                     | Second quarter of 2023            |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)2121, adopted on 8 April 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage due to it being the first year of implementation.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation of this pilot project, these details are not yet known.

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of procurement procedures (use of existing framework contracts).

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PP 08 18 01: Pilot project — Ocean Literacy for All

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 253 374,00 | p.m.        | 761 000 | p.m.    | 506 748 | 0,0 %          | -33,4 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 253 374,00 | p.m.        | 761 000 | p.m.    | 506 748 | 0,0 %          | -33,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The pilot project aims at enhancing the civil engagement and the awareness of European citizens on ocean-related issues and to empower them to become actors of change towards a more sustainable use of natural resources. This pilot project is paving the way towards the development of 'EU4Ocean', an ocean-awareness and advocacy coalition, comprised of alliances of various actors composed of stakeholders and organisations willing to commit to a European platform, the European Youth Forum for the Ocean (Youth4Ocean Forum) and the Network of European Blue Schools. The service contract was signed in December 2019 and performed its first year of implementations during 2020.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

During the course of the year the coalition was set up, launched (officially in June and operationally through a series of digital workshops in September 2020) and fully deployed. This is reflected in the first progress report that has been received upon completion of the first quarter of project implementation; the second one was submitted to reflect progress until the end of 2020.

During the course of the year 2020 year the following was achieved:

- Launching the coalition on 8 June 2020 and conducting a series of online workshops to launch the work under each work stream;
- Creating the website with regular population of its content;

- Developing social media traffic, according to relevant events, instances and work to be promoted;
- Enlisting of more than 120 members of the platform, planning the thematic working groups' membership and scope and conducting work through these three thematic working groups; planning the sea-basin events concepts, especially the first one, in the Atlantic sea-basin;
- Listing and outreaching the first Blue Schools, conceptualising and producing a handbook, launching the application process for membership, launching the Find the Blue! Challenge scheme;
- Conceptualising and planning an advocacy campaign;
- Establishing a core group of ocean leaders, as founding members of the Youth4Ocean Forum, recruiting more members along the way, embarking on media campaigns and launching a photo competition, launching Calls for Ocean Advocates.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 16 July 2018   |
| Publication of call for tender  | 1 March 2019   |
| Closing date of call for tender | 14 June 2019   |
| Award decision                  | November 2019  |
| Interim payments                | Second and fourth quarter of 2020. second and fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment                   | Third quarter of 2022  |

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the duration of the contract had to be extended by six months; therefore, the schedule of the final payment has been delayed compared to the originally foreseen timing.

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2018)4455, adopted on 16 July 2018, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2018\)4455&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2018)4455&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:096794-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML>

The award decision is available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:593696-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML&tabId=1#id0-I>.

The project website is available at the following address:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/frontpage/1482>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to the nature of this activity; possible follow up to maintain the legacy of this project could be envisaged in the form of another project or action.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Ocean Literacy for All | ACTeon Sarl                     | 1 266 870            |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a contract signed with a contractor selected following the open call for tenders.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Consortium made up of private and public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 08 19 01: Pilot project — Developing a farmers’ toolbox for integrated pest management practices from across the Union

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 1 875 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 462 500 | p.m.    | 1 870 324 | 0,0 %          | 27,9 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 875 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 462 500 | p.m.    | 1 870 324 | 0,0 %          | 27,9 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years’ implementation:

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of studies via a procurement procedure (open call for tenders). The commitments voted under the 2019 and 2020 EU budgets would be used in two steps: for the 2019 appropriations, a contract has been awarded and signed in December 2020, and for the 2020 appropriations, an open call for tenders will be launched in the second quarter of 2021.

The overall purpose of this pilot project is to assess integrated pest management (IPM) measures taken in each of the Member States, including farmland managed under IPM, collecting evidence of pesticide use reduction and gather information on the practices applied. It will also investigate the obstacles to further uptake of IPM. The project will identify and propose effective approaches to IPM and develop a toolbox to enable farmers to significantly reduce the use of pesticide and to scale up relevant practices throughout Europe with the help of the post-2020 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) instruments.

The specific objectives of the first part of this pilot project are:

- To provide a comprehensive description of the currently available implementing approaches (e.g., policies, agricultural practices, technologies, private sector initiatives such as certifications) to reduce dependency on pesticides use.

- To assess the potential of the approaches identified in objective one for reducing the dependency on pesticide use, and to prove their effectiveness as well as barriers (real or perceived) that limit their uptake. In particular, the study should list and assess the barriers and explain their roots and possible ways to overcome them.
- To propose specific strategies on how to scale up good practices throughout the EU. This includes increased research and knowledge transfer between sectors, including experience gained in organic farming, permaculture, and conservation agriculture that does not lead to higher pesticide use. The contractor should also identify a suitable communication strategy to disseminate and promote the use of the database.
- To set up an EU-wide database containing the relevant information and guidance to enable farmers and advisory services to reduce the dependency on pesticide use.

Activities implemented: The methodology and the tools relevant for the analyses are prepared, including the approach for the selection of case studies.

Deliverables submitted: The most recent deliverable submitted is the first interim deliverable, next deliverable is expected by the end of April.

Meetings held: The last meeting of the Inter-service Steering Group supervising the implementation of the pilot project was held in March 2021 following the contract timing and submission of the first deliverable.

The second part, to be launched in 2021, would consist on collection at farm level of agri-environmental data and farm practices (including the IMP) and provide farmers with a benchmark and complement the toolbox developed under the first part. The scope and objectives of the tender specifications are currently being developed by the Commission Steering Group that supervises and follows up this pilot project.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Publication of the call for tender, awarding of the contract and launching the start of the second part of this pilot project.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>                             |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 8 August 2019                           |
| Publication of call for tender   | 14 July 2020                            |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 3 September 2020                        |
| Award decision                   | 9 December 2020                         |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | August 2021, February 2022, August 2022 |
| Final payment                    | December 2022                           |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b> | <b>Date</b> |
|-------------|-------------|
|-------------|-------------|

| Step                             | Date                     |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 27 May 2020              |
| Publication of call for tender   | June 2021                |
| Closing date of call for tender  | August 2021              |
| Award decision                   | November 2021            |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | December 2021, June 2022 |
| Final payment                    | December 2022            |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The Commission Financing Decisions, adopted on 8 August 2019 (C(2019)5847) and 27 May 2020 (C(2020)3293), set out the main elements of the implementation. They can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)5847&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)5847&lang=en)

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)3293&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)3293&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=6729>

The award decision is available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:340908-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

The European Commission (EC) contributes to the enforcement of the sustainable use of pesticides through its Framework Directive (Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides) that promotes the use and implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques.

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?

No follow up is envisaged due to the communication from the Commission regarding “A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system” (20 May 2020, COM(2020)381final).

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor                                  | EUR (maximum) |
|---|---|---------------|
| Pilot Project — Developing a Farmers’ Toolbox for Integrated Pest Management Practices from | Joint tender submitted by: Arcadia International together | 993 765       |

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|------------------|-------------------------|--|

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>            | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Pilot Project — Developing a Farmers’ Toolbox for Integrated Pest Management Practices from Across the Union: Converting Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) into Farm Sustainability Data Network (FSDN) | To be implemented by open call for tenders | 1 875 000            |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of tenders.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers.



## 1. Heading

### **PP 08 19 02: Pilot project — Establishing an operational programme: structuring the agri-food sectors to safeguard the handing-on of family farms and the sustainability of local agriculture**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 640 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 922 780 | p.m.    | 422 500 | 0,0 %          | -54,2 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 640 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 922 780 | p.m.    | 422 500 | 0,0 %          | -54,2 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

### **Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:**

The pilot project takes the form of a study, for which the contract with an external contractor was signed in December 2020. The overall aim of the pilot project is to produce:

- a study report and technical paper assessing the advantages that producer organisations offer farmers in EU agriculture (compared to producers that operate e.g. individually), including the implications of cooperation on strengthening producers' position in the agri-food supply chain (thereby improving the viability of farms and consequently helping to safeguard the handing-on also of family farms); and improving the overall sustainability of farms; and
- a handbook on operational programmes for stakeholders examining how producer organisations (POs) can boost the overall sustainability of their members. It will describe how POs can establish sectoral intervention through operational programmes – mirroring the existing model of the fruit and vegetables sector – by taking into account the possibilities introduced in the Commission proposal for a regulation establishing rules on support for strategic plans (Articles 59 to 63) and combining various measures in a sector-related logic. This handbook will focus on the livestock (notably dairy, beef and pig meat) and plant protein (notably grain and fodder leguminous crops) sectors.

Activities implemented: The methodology and the tools relevant for the analyses are prepared, including the approach for the selection of case studies.

Deliverables submitted: Most recent deliverable submitted is the first interim deliverable.

Meetings held: The last meeting of the Inter-service Steering Group supervising the implementation of the pilot project was held in March 2021 following the contract timing and submission of the first deliverable.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Collecting data and information and starting first analysis, preparing a workshop to be held in 2022.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                       |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 8 August 2019                     |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 17 July 2020                      |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 18 September 2020                 |
| Award decision                                       | 7 December 2020                   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | July 2021, March 2022, March 2023 |
| Final payment  | September 2023                    |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                       |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 27 May 2020                       |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 17 July 2020                      |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 18 September 2020                 |
| Award decision                                       | 7 December 2020                   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | July 2021, March 2022, March 2023 |
| Final payment  | September 2023                    |

### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decisions, adopted on 8 August 2019 (C(2019)5847) and 27 May 2020 (C(2020)3293), set out the main elements of the implementation. They can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)5847&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)5847&lang=en)

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)3293&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)3293&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=6771>

The award decision is available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:634469-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

The role of producer organisations has been reinforced in a number of legislative initiatives concerning the common market organisation of the common agricultural policy (CAP), notably: the ‘Milk Package’ in 2012, the 2013 CAP reform and the ‘Omnibus Regulation’ in 2018. Producer cooperation is also featured among the priorities within the rural development policy, providing financial support to facilitate the setting up of producer groups and producer organisations in the agriculture and forestry sectors. At present, support for the functioning of producer organisations is only available for recognised producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector, by means of operational programmes. A recognised producer organisation may set up an operational fund to finance its operational programme. This fund is financed by the financial contribution of members (or the producer organisation itself) and the EU financial assistance.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged as according to the Commission legislative proposal for the future of the CAP of 1 June 2018 (COM(2018) 392 final), the support approach available for fruit and vegetables is extended to ‘other sectors’, as a choice for Member States in their CAP strategic plans (depending on the result of a needs assessment).

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 and 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Pilot Project - Establishing an operational programme: structuring the agri-food sectors to safeguard the handing-on of family farms and the sustainability of local agriculture | Joint tender submitted by: Ecorys together with ERGO Consulting s.r.l and Arcadia International | 1 690 000                |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a tender.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 16 05: Pilot project — Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |      |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 100 000 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |      |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 100 000 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2016 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

In accordance with the budgetary remarks, this pilot project is intended to finance the development of an inventory of species and habitats and environmentally sensitive areas in the French Outermost Regions, which number among the world's biodiversity hotspots. As underlined in the executability letter (29 October 2015) and in line with the Environment Council Conclusions, this pilot project is not conceived as a first step on the road towards the adoption of legislation to preserve biodiversity in the French outermost region, but a further element to build a sustainable partnership to promote the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use of ecosystem services including ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and mitigation in the EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories. This is in line with the Environment Council Conclusions adopted on 16 December 2015 where the Environment Council 'noted the results of the preparatory action on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of European Overseas (BEST), the funding available under the Commission's Best 2.0 Programme, and urged the Commission and the Member States to move forward on sustainable partnerships dedicated to mobilising resources to protect the unique ecosystems and the services they provide in the EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories'. According with the budgetary remarks, advantage will be taken of any possible synergies with the work carried out under the BEST preparatory action including the developed regional ecosystem profiles, the identified key biodiversity areas (KBAs) and information on species and habitats. Through mapping of

ecosystems and ecosystem services the link to relevant on-going activities such as the "Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems Services" (MAES – see <http://biodiversity.europa.eu/maes>) will be encouraged.

The expected results of the pilot project entitled ‘BEST RUP’ are:

- to deliver an inventory of species and habitats of the French Outermost Regions (ORs);
- to explore a MAES pilot for one or more French ORs;
- to provide an opportunity for small grants for biodiversity actions in the French ORs following the modalities of the BEST 2.0 Programme.

The action is implemented via a grant awarded to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The grant agreement was signed in December 2016. The action grant includes the following activities:

- Activity 1: Deliver species and habitats inventories (lists) for the French ORs capitalising – inter alia -on the species and habitats lists of the existing BEST regional ecosystem profiles and the identification of KBAs and KBESAs in the French ORs;
- Activity 2: Explore the use of the MAES methodology in ORs capitalising on the Amazonian Ecosystem profile elaborated in French Guyana. The Amazonian Ecosystem profile works and the identification of KBESAs will be promoted and shared in order to foresee the modalities of the MAES methodology’s implementation in ORs context. An active participation of the BEST ORs Officer in French Guiana, French Guiana representatives and the UICN Secretariat at the ESMEERALDA workshop (February 2017, Azores) will enable discussion about the specificities of EU Overseas and recommendations for future works on MAES in EU Overseas.
- Activity 3: Carry out one dedicated call for swift small grants of up to 50 000 EUR per third party beneficiary in the French ORs. The guidelines and the details of the conditions of application (topics and types of activities, types of beneficiaries and criteria of selection and funding) is based on the modalities of the BEST 2.0 Programme, its operational manual and guidelines (section swift small grants). The adapted section and guidelines for applicants will be validated within 1 month after the signature of the grant agreement.

In the frame of the call for proposals, BEST RUP 12 projects (3 in the Amazon, 4 in the Indian Ocean and 5 in the Caribbean Region) have been proposed for funding. All projects started their work in 2018. The overview on existing data and lists of species and habitats was completed in collaboration with representatives of French ORs. The 12 BEST RUP projects and the species and habitat lists have been finalised. The final communication activities planned for the World Conservation Congress had to be postponed due to the COVID Pandemic. In order to still enable these activities the grant agreement has been extended.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Implement the capitalisation and communication activities.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

–2016 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|

| Step                             | Date             |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 10 June 2016     |
| Signature of the grant agreement | 22 December 2016 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | 2017, 2019       |
| Final payment                    | 2022             |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

#### **– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

Commission Financing Decision C(2016)3480, adopted on 10 June 2016, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. In 2019, LIFE4BEST and BEST 2.0+ programmes took over considering that no further calls were organised under BEST RUP and BEST 2.0, respectively covering the ORs and the OCTs. Both programmes support field actions, which aim to enable, empower and strengthen local actors committed to local development, biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of ecosystem services, through the implementation of grant schemes accompanied by capacity building activities. The report and lists are available at the following address:

<https://www.life4best.org/actualites/>

<https://www.life4best.org/etat-des-lieux-des-referentiels-taxonomiques-et-ecosystemiques-dans-les-rup-francaises/>

The BEST RUP projects are included in this overview, which combines projects funded under the BEST Preparatory Action, BEST 20 (OCTs) and BEST RUP (French ORs):

[https://www.life4best.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/JanuaryBESTinitiative\\_Brochure\\_Projects\\_funded\\_2011-2018-1.pdf](https://www.life4best.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/JanuaryBESTinitiative_Brochure_Projects_funded_2011-2018-1.pdf)

#### **– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Yes, the BEST 2.0 programme funded under B4LIFE (Thematic Programme for Global Public Goods and Challenges under the Development Cooperation Instrument - DCI) provides small and medium grants for biodiversity actions in OCTs. The call for small grants in French Outermost Regions under the project BEST RUP has followed the modalities of the BEST 2.0 Programme. LIFE4BEST a preparatory LIFE project started in February 2019 and has enabled further calls for swift small grants in all Outermost Regions.

#### **– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Following up on the BEST Preparatory Action (2011-2017) a provision for a small grant scheme for biodiversity action in the EU's Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories based on the experiences with BEST 2.0 and BEST RUP programmes has been included in the LIFE Programme 2021-2027.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

–2016 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor                                  | EUR (maximum) |
|---|---|---------------|
| Inventory of Species and Habitats in French Outermost Regions | International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) | 1 000 000     |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a grant without a call for proposals.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

International Union.

## 1. Heading

### **PP 09 17 01: Pilot project — Mapping and assessing the state of ecosystems and their services in the outermost regions and overseas countries and territories: establishing links and pooling resources**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 399 996,00 | p.m.        | 769 725 | p.m.    | 285 000 | 0,0 %          | -63,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 399 996,00 | p.m.        | 769 725 | p.m.    | 285 000 | 0,0 %          | -63,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2017 and 2018 budgets.

### **Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:**

Action 5 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy urges Member States to map and assess the state of ecosystems and their services in their national territory. A Working Group on Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services (MAES) was established in 2012 and works very actively since then. The project shall start by assessing the state of the art of the MAES exercise within the participating overseas entities, and by inventorying and substantiating the human and material capacities present in each of them. It will then choose case studies in one or several regions and a particular contribution on which to focus the work of a dedicated team of local experts, policymakers and civil society members pooled from across the outermost regions (ORs) and overseas countries and territories (OCTs). It shall capitalise on the work of BEST initiative (initially supported by the BEST preparatory action under the 2011, 2012 and 2013 budgets) and of NETBIOME (ERA-net and Co-ordination Support Action supported under the 6th and 7th research Framework Programmes) and it can also build on the initiating MAES experience carried out under the pilot project entitled 'Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions' adopted under the 2016 budget (cf. item 07 02 77 34). This project shall produce a tangible contribution to the MAES work and it will demonstrate the feasibility and the added value of a bottom-up approach, involving and empowering local actors. If successful, this project will allow testing and implementation of



the MAES methodology in different regions of the world, providing methodologies and good practice guidelines and contributing to worldwide EU leadership in this area. The project will involve policymakers, researchers and civil society in the development of methodologies for mapping and assessing the state of ecosystems and their services in ORs and OCTs. A coordinated and synergistic approach is advocated to turn the geographical, political and knowledge base fragmentation of these entities into assets, pooling resources and building robust participatory tools. The grant MOVE – Facilitating MAES to support regional policy in overseas Europe: mobilising stakeholders and pooling resources financed under the first year of the pilot project (voted under the 2017 budget), assesses the state of the art of the ‘Mapping and Assessing of Ecosystem Services’ (MAES) within the participating overseas entities, and inventory and substantiate the human and material capacities present in each of them. It capitalises on the work carried out in the frame of NETBIOME network and the BEST (Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of European overseas) initiative and it may consider the initial MAES experience planned under the project BEST RUP which implements the pilot project entitled 'Inventory of species and habitats in the French outermost regions' adopted under the 2016 budget (Item 07 02 77 34).

The MOVE project is in full swing implementing its work programme. The institutional framework relevant to MAES, highlighting the local governance structure, is being analysed based on documental and personal sources. Key stakeholders are consulted to gather information on (1) the local MAES development status, including the state of the knowledge on ecosystem status, based on the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems standard, (2) the ongoing relevant projects, and (3) the perceived needs and bottlenecks in the MAES process. In parallel, a revision and analysis of existing and ongoing scientific studies and projects is carried out. A project meeting bringing together all project partners and stakeholders was held on 27-28 May 2019 in the Canary Islands. For the pilot project voted under the 2018 budget, the call for proposal was launched in January 2019 with the deadline of 01 April 2019 for submitting proposals. The grant agreement was signed in September 2019. This second pilot project (MOVE ON) aims at enabling further case studies and specific regions on which to focus the work of dedicated teams of local experts, policymakers and civil society members pooled from across the outermost regions and overseas countries and territories. MOVE case studies have been finalised and MOVE ON Anchor projects building on the case studies carried out under MOVE are being prepared. The outreach activities and synergies with other projects in ORs and OCTs provide opportunities for further testing and spreading MAES findings and methodologies. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic delays have occurred. Both projects have been extended.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Continue implementation of MOVE and MOVE ON notably the implementation of the anchor projects and communication activities.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date        |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 6 July 2017 |

| Step                              | Date            |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Publication of call for proposals | 10 July 2017    |
| Award decision                    | 18 January 2018 |
| Pre-financing payment             | April 2018      |
| Interim payments                  | January 2020    |
| Final payment                     | 2021 or 2022    |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                              | Date            |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision    | 25 July 2018    |
| Publication of call for proposals | 1 February 2019 |
| Award decision                    | 27 June 2019    |
| Pre-financing payment(s)          | November 2019   |
| Interim payment(s)                | 2021            |
| Final payment(s)                  | 2023            |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

#### – **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The 2017 Commission Financing Decision C(2017)4545, adopted on 6 July 2017, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project voted under the 2017 budget.

Its call for proposal with the reference ENV/2017/CFP/MAES-OR-OCT was published on the Europa website at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/maesoroct2017.htm>

The 2018 Commission Financing Decision C(2018)4801 was adopted on 25 July 2018 and sets out the main elements for the implementation of the 2018 pilot project.

Its call for proposal with the reference ENV/2019/CFP/MAES-OR-OCT 2 was published on the Europa website at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/maesoroct2019.htm>

The project website created for MOVE (<https://moveproject.eu/>) will serve both MOVE and MOVE ON.

#### – **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

The Biodiversity Strategy (COM/2011/0244 final) called on Member States to map and assess the state of ecosystems and their services in their national territory by 2014, with the assistance of the European Commission. They must also assess the economic value of such services, and promote the integration of these values into accounting and reporting systems at EU and national level by 2020 (see Target 2, Action 5). This specific action aims to provide a knowledge base on ecosystems and their services in Europe. It underpins the achievement of all six targets of the strategy and is relevant to a number of other EU sectorial policies such as agriculture, maritime affairs and fisheries, and cohesion. A coherent analytical framework has been developed (see first technical report, 2013) to be applied by the EU and its Member States in order to ensure consistent approaches. It contributes to the ongoing discussion on the conceptual framework for sub-global assessments of ecosystems and ecosystem services under the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem services (IPBES). A

second technical report (2014) proposes indicators that can be used at European and Member State's level to map and assess biodiversity, ecosystem condition and ecosystem services. The third technical report (2016) is taking stock on Mapping and assessing the condition of Europe's ecosystems: Progress and challenges. The fourth technical report PDF (2016) is on mapping and assessment of urban ecosystems and their services. All Member States are actively involved in mapping and assessing the state of ecosystems and their services in their national territory. At EU level, many MAES-related activities are supported by the European Environment Agency and its Topic Centres, the Joint Research Centre, Eurostat, DG Research & Innovation.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged as already the global importance of the biodiversity in the EU's ORs and OCTs has been recognised in the EU' Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 - bringing nature back in to our lives, COM(2020)380.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                    | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|--|----------------------|
| MOVE – Facilitating MAES to support regional policy in overseas Europa: mobilising stakeholders and pooling resources | Fundo Regional para Ciência e Tecnologia, Portugal | 999 989              |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                    | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| MOVE-ON – From case studies to anchor projects - setting the ground to advance MAES in Europe's overseas | Fundo Regional para Ciência e Tecnologia, Portugal | 1 424 318            |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements these pilot projects by way of grants, through open calls for proposals.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Public or private bodies, NGOs, universities, research institutes and international organisations.

## 1. Heading

**PP 09 17 04: Pilot project — Establishing regional or local platforms on coexistence between people and large carnivores focused on key actions for large carnivores in areas with high levels of conflict**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 149 994,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 199 992 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 149 994,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 199 992 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations were voted for this pilot project under the 2017 and 2018 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this project was to establish pilot local or regional groupings of stakeholders and authorities to improve the coexistence between people and large carnivores, based on the model of the EU Large Carnivores Platform and on the experience from other regional platforms, e.g. established through projects funded under the LIFE programme. The geographical areas were selected amongst those EU Member States/regions with serious coexistence conflicts between humans and large carnivores. The relevant local/regional authorities responsible for the management of large carnivores as well as the relevant interest groups active in the concerned areas were contacted and invited to get involved and participate to the platforms. In each of the selected areas, the project aims to support the implementation of two or three actions included in the document 'Key actions for large carnivore populations in Europe', with a focus on actions relating to conflict resolution, communication, reducing socio-economic problems and establishing win-win socio-economic benefits in line with the objectives of the EU Nature Directives and the EU 2020 biodiversity strategy.

Under the 3-year contract ENV.D.3/SER/2017/0028, concluded on 28.12.2017, three pilot local platforms of stakeholders and authorities have been established in the Italy-Grosseto

province, the Romania-Harghita county and the Spain-Avila province. This contract was extended for 9 months, until end of September 2021, to account for the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the study regions. Another 3-year contract was concluded on 21.12.2018 to support the establishment of additional regional or local platforms in other areas. Under this second contract (ENV.D.3/SER/2018/0021), concluded on 21.12.2018, three additional platforms have been established in France (Vercors Regional Natural Park), Germany (Lüneburg Heath, Lower Saxony) and Sweden. Similarly, to the previous platforms, the objective was to improve stakeholders' dialogue and to promote a wider implementation of good practices for coexistence between people and large carnivores such as the actions recommended in the document "Key Actions for large carnivore populations in Europe". It was meant that the specific actions to implement would be agreed by the concerned regional/local platform and by the relevant authorities and should focus on improving coexistence, reducing conflicts and socio-economic problems caused by large carnivores, in line with the objectives of the EU Habitats Directive and the EU 2020 biodiversity strategy.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Since early 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, has prevented or slowed down several planned initiatives (personal meetings and workshops) for all the six stakeholders' platforms. Unfortunately, such personal contacts and physical meetings were necessary, in order to gradually build mutual trust and understanding among the different stakeholders, as a basis for a constructive dialogue. In 2021, the platforms aim to catch up on the lost time/opportunities. This is why the first contract (supporting the first three platforms) has been extended for another nine months. Another objective is to improve the commitment from the relevant regional (or national) authorities to better support the stakeholders' participatory process and to adequately follow up on the platforms' proposals. Several meetings and workshops are envisaged by the individual platforms in 2021, to take place in physical form or with alternative means (hybrid).

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>       |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 6 July 2017       |
| Publication of call for tender   | 16 September 2017 |
| Award decision                   | 28 December 2017  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | 2018 and 2019     |
| Final payment                    | 2021              |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>      |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 25 July 2018     |
| Publication of call for tender   | 4 August 2018    |
| Award decision                   | 21 December 2018 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | 2019 and 2020    |

| Step          | Date |
|---------------|------|
| Final payment | 2022 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

The 2017 Commission Financing Decision C(2017)4545 of 06 July 2017 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the 2017 pilot project.

The call for tender, the contract notice and the contract award notice for the 2017 pilot project with the reference number ENV.D.3/SER/2017/0028 are published on the Europa website at the following address: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2017\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2017_en.htm)

The 2018 Commission Financing Decision C(2018)4801 was adopted on 25 July 2018 and sets out the main elements for the implementation of the 2018 pilot project.

The call for tender, the contract notice and the contract award notice for the 2018 pilot project with the reference number ENV.D.3/SER/2018/0021 are published on the Europa website at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2018\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2018_en.htm)

A dedicated website page has been established with the aim to present the six platforms: the background, the national and regional context, the participants in the platforms and their activities. All the reports of the meetings and workshops are published on this web page as well. It is available at the following website: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/regional\\_platforms.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/regional_platforms.htm)

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

The Commission currently supports the EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores<sup>10</sup> focusing on dialogue among stakeholders at EU level. This EU Platform involves European representatives of the concerned stakeholders, while the pilot project is meant to help transfer and/or adapt the cooperative and constructive approach achieved at EU level to the regional and local levels. Furthermore, it aims as well to promote a wider implementation of the identified and agreed good practices for coexistence, supporting concrete actions on the ground to reduce existing conflicts. The ongoing LIFE project “Eurolargecarnivores”<sup>11</sup> supports similar activities and aims at providing a platform to gather and share knowledge on human-large carnivore coexistence among various stakeholders across the European Union. It focuses on topics such as monitoring, human-wildlife conflict mitigation and prevention, fears and safety concerns, herding practices, but also poaching, economic opportunities and investment requirements. The ongoing LIFE project “LIFEstockProtect”<sup>12</sup> also includes some actions on stakeholders engagement with the aim to increase the acceptance (and therefore the implementation) of livestock protection measures. These actions include multi-stakeholder meetings, field visits and workshops, thematic working groups focusing for example on financial support, compensation schemes and tourism opportunities. Other examples of local stakeholders’ involvement on large

<sup>10</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/coexistence\\_platform.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/coexistence_platform.htm)

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.eurolargecarnivores.eu/en/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://lifestockprotect.info/c-conservation-actions/>

carnivores' conservation and management exist in some Member States. For example, in Finland there are now 27 “wolf territory cooperation groups”<sup>13</sup>, consisting of different stakeholders (representatives from local authorities, hunters, livestock farmers and nature protection associations), working together on several issues such as information and awareness raising, support to farmers to implement livestock protection measures and monitoring.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No specific follow up is envisaged at this stage. On the basis of the experiences of the six local stakeholders' platforms, the EU Platform plans to develop a toolkit to assist national, regional and local managing authorities in establishing successful stakeholders' platforms.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>           | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Service contract establishing regional or local platforms on coexistence between people and large carnivores | Istituto Ecologia Applicata – Rome, Italy | 499 500                  |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>              | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Support to additional regional / local platforms on coexistence between people and large carnivores | Istituto di Ecologia Applicata – Rome, Italy | 499 980                  |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

These pilot projects are implemented through open calls for tender.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Stakeholders' groups, national, regional and local authorities (working on nature protection, agriculture, environment, etc.).

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<sup>13</sup> <https://riista.fi/en/riistatalous-2/game-stock/cooperation-groups-of-wolf-territory-areas/>

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 18 03: Pilot project — Map of solutions, best practices and remedies for Lindane pesticide waste decontamination in the Union

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 491 172,75 | p.m.        | 982 346 | p.m.    | 491 173 | 0,0 %          | -50,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 491 172,75 | p.m.        | 982 346 | p.m.    | 491 173 | 0,0 %          | -50,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations were voted for this pilot project under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The implementation of the pilot project voted under the 2018 budget and the launch of the call for tender was postponed because several new projects on lindane (SURFING started on 1 January 2019 under LIFE, LINDANET started on 1 August 2019 under Interreg Europe) risked to interfere with the objectives of the pilot project as given by the European Parliament. To avoid the risk of double funding, the scope of the pilot project had to be re-adjusted. The call for tender for the pilot project was published online on 30 July 2019. Interested parties had until 30 September 2019 to send their offers. The received tenders were opened on 2 October 2019. The contract was awarded to a consortium consisting of Tauw BV, SARGA SL and CDM Smith Europe GmbH, and the contract was signed on 18 December 2019.

The pilot project has two specific objectives:

- Compiling a detailed inventory of production sites, waste deposits, landfills and treatment centres of lindane and HCH (hexachlorocyclohexane) in the EU. The project will build further on previous efforts to describe the extent of the problem in the EU and start with an analysis of existing literature and information sources. In a second phase, national and international stakeholders will be approached to collect additional information and data.



Two workshops will be organized to bring these stakeholders together and to exchange knowledge and experience. The project will present the available information on the location, characterization and risks of the different sites in a GIS (Geographic Information System) database.

- Assisting public authorities at local, regional or national level confronted with lindane and HCH issues and provide them with support, expertise, advice and consultancy. The expertise needed to tackle lindane and HCH waste or contamination often exceeds the ability and capacity of authorities, certainly at local level. Therefore, the project will provide support in specific contamination cases to public authorities that lack the necessary expertise in one or more of the following fields:
  - Historical investigations or searches in archives;
  - Identification and characterization of contaminated sites;
  - Development of a conceptual site model and analysis of monitoring results;
  - Risk assessment and advice on use restrictions (water, crops, dust, etc.);
  - Feasibility studies, design of sustainable remediation approaches, research or pilot tests;
  - Cost estimations of different remediation scenarios and looking for the necessary budgets;
  - Preparing procurement procedures and drafting calls for tender;
  - Communication activities, networking and stakeholder involvement.

The kick-off meeting of the pilot project took place on 30 January 2020. The following tasks and actions were implemented in 2020:

- Review of the Union and National Implementation Plans under the Stockholm Convention;
- Desk study to review existing information and literature;
- Organization of two stakeholder webinars and publication of a video;
- Outreach to national and international stakeholders;
- Start to set-up the GIS database;
- Assessment of the needs and development of a roadmap for each project site;
- Start to provide assistance to the different authorities.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- Characterization of priority sites including conceptual site model
- Finalization of the inventory and country lists with sites potentially contaminated with HCH
- Recommendations for the next steps and sustainable management of the sites
- Completion of the GIS database and the different geospatial layers
- Completion of the assistance and consultancy services to the different authorities
- Closing workshop or webinar

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                    | <b>Date</b>  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 25 July 2018 |

| Step                             | Date              |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Publication of call for tender   | 30 July 2019      |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 30 September 2019 |
| Award decision                   | 18 December 2019  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | 2020 and 2021     |
| Final payment                    | 2022              |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 11 June 2019      |
| Publication of call for tender  | 30 July 2019      |
| Closing date of call for tender | 30 September 2019 |
| Award decision                  | 18 December 2019  |
| Interim payment                 | 2020 and 2021     |
| Final payment                   | 2022              |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?

For the 2018 appropriations, the Commission Financing Decision C(2018)4801 adopted on 25 July 2018 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. For the 2019 appropriations, the Commission Financing Decision C(2019)4121 of 11 June 2019 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project voted under the 2019 budget.

The call for tender with the reference number ENV.D.1/ETU/2019/0023, the contract notice and the contract award notice are published on the Europa website at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019_en.htm)

More information (including a video explaining the project) and the recording of the webinars organized on 26 November 2020 and 1 December 2020 is available at the following address:

<https://www.tauw.com/projecten/resolving-hch-lindane-in-the-eu.html>

Lindane contamination in Spain was on the agenda of the session of the EP PETI committee on 28-29 October 2020. More information is available at: [https://emeeting.europarl.europa.eu/emeeting/committee/nl/agenda/202010/PETI?meeting=PETI-2020-1028\\_1P&session=10-28-16-45](https://emeeting.europarl.europa.eu/emeeting/committee/nl/agenda/202010/PETI?meeting=PETI-2020-1028_1P&session=10-28-16-45).

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

In 2016, the EP Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs delivered a study "Lindane (persistent organic pollutant) in the EU" at the request of the Parliamentary Committee on Petitions (PETI).

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

Currently, there is no soil legislation at EU level for historically contaminated sites. The pilot project will not directly result in a specific legislative proposal, but will contribute to the implementation of the objectives and provisions of the 7th Environment Action Plan, the Stockholm Convention and the POPs Regulation (including the National and Union Implementation Plans), the Water Framework Directive (including the River Basin Management Plans), the Environmental Quality Standards Directive, the Drinking Water Directive, the Soil Thematic Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy and the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 and 2019 commitment appropriations (common call for tender)

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Pilot Project to Evaluate and Address the Presence of Lindane and Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH) in the European Union | Tauw BV, Sociedad Aragonesa De Gestion Agroambiental SL, CDM Smith Europe GmbH | 1 964 691                |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements these pilot projects by means of Open Calls for tenders

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Beneficiaries of the project results: local, regional, national and European authorities, problem owners, civil society. Type of contractor: private consultants.

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 18 04: Pilot project — Assessing, identifying, sharing and disseminating best practices for the humane management of invasive alien species

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |            |             |      |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 0,00         | 149 969,39 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 350 000 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 149 969,39 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 350 000 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2018 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this project is to promote the uptake of the best practices for the humane management of invasive alien animals, through lethal or non-lethal measures, without compromising the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 on invasive alien species. The project shall identify the existing effective management measures for invasive alien animals with a view to eradicate, control and/or contain their populations in order to minimise their impact on biodiversity, the related ecosystem services and where applicable, on human health or the economy. The identified measures shall be assessed in terms of their cost-effectiveness, how humane they are considered (e.g. sparing any avoidable pain, distress or suffering, being lethal or non-lethal) and other possible side effects. The project will address in particular animal species included on the list of invasive alien species of Union concern (Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2016/1141 and 2017/1263). The project shall also target:

- the dissemination of the measures for the management of the invasive alien animals among the competent authorities and the key stakeholders.
- the development of materials to be used by the competent authorities of the Member States and practitioners, in relation to their obligations under Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014.

The call for proposal was published on 24 July 2018. One offer was received and was rejected, as it was non-compliant. The call for proposal was re-published in May 2019. There was a successful tenderer, and the award decision was signed on 5 September 2019. The project was awarded to IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), Bureau de représentation auprès de l'Union européenne a.i.s.b.l. – 64, Boulevard Louis Schmidt, 1040 Brussels, Belgium. IUCN Brussels Bureau is leading this project as part of a consortium, integrated by the UK Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), Eurogroup for Animals, European Alliance of Rescue Centres and Sanctuaries (EARS), Newcastle University, the IUCN Species Survival Commission Invasive Species Specialist Group (IUCN SSC ISSG).

Activities implemented:

- A concise overview of EU and non-EU standards and rules on animal welfare was prepared (APHA leading).
- A comprehensive overview of feasible measures, indicating whether the measures meet EU and international humaneness legislation was prepared (APHA leading).
- A comprehensive assessment of measures was conducted (IUCN leading).
- A first draft EU manual, including a toolbox of measures for each vertebrate species, was prepared (IUCN leading).

Deliverables submitted:

- Report on EU and non-EU standards and rules on animal welfare, delivered in March 2020.
- Database on feasible lethal and non-lethal measures, delivered in March 2020.
- A draft methodology for assessing measures was prepared.
- A toolbox for each of the vertebrate species on the union list was prepared, delivered in October 2020.
- Draft EU manual and Power point presentation
- First progress report submitted in November 2020.

Meetings held:

- Project kick-off meeting 5 November 2019, Brussels
- First progress meeting, 13 November 2020, online meeting.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- Eight two-day workshops will be organised as from March 2021, covering 8 EU biogeographic regions.
- The draft EU manual will be transformed into a draft manual for each biogeographical region covered.
- Dissemination material will be produced.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date         |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 25 July 2018 |

| Step   | Date                       |
|--|----------------------------|
| Publication of call for tender                 | 24 July 2018 (not awarded) |
| Re-publication of call for tender              | 5 April 2019               |
| Award decision                                 | 7 October 2019             |
| Pre-financing payment(s) or Interim payment(s) | 2020 and 2021              |
| Final payment(s)                               | 2022                       |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

#### – **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2018)4801 adopted on 25 July 2018 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project.

The call for tender with the reference ENV.D.2/SER/2018/0019 was published on the Europa website at the following address:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2018\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2018_en.htm)

One offer was received, and was rejected, as it was non-compliant with the requirements of the Call. The non-award notice was published in OJ 2018/S 222-507161 (17 November 2018). The Open Call was re-published. Call documents and the award decision are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019_en.htm)

The project website is available at the following address:

<https://www.iucn.org/regions/europe/our-work/biodiversity-conservation/invasive-alien-species/humane-management-vertebrate-ias>

#### – **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

#### – **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legal follow up is planned. On the one hand, the Invasive Alien Species regulation stipulates, “where animals are targeted, they are spared any avoidable pain, distress or suffering, without compromising the effectiveness of the management measures”. On the other hand, it is up to Member States to select the management measures and methods they apply. This means the manuals and toolboxes resulting from this project will hopefully be useful in implementing the IAS regulation, but there is no need for a change in the regulation itself, or for new legislation.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor                                    | EUR<br>(maximum) |
|---|---|------------------|
| Identification, Assessment, Sharing and Dissemination of Best Practices for the Humane Management of Invasive Alien Species | UICN, Bureau de représentation auprès de l'Union européenne | 499 897,95       |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a call for tender and the conclusion of a procurement contract.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

International organisation.

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 18 06: Pilot project — Nature-based solutions for climate and water pollution mitigation in agricultural regions

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 280 000 | p.m.    | 280 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 280 000 | p.m.    | 280 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations were voted for this pilot project for the first year under the 2018 budget

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The project will aim to identify the cost and benefits of a range of nature-based solutions, with a focus on treatment of manure-derived waste and sludge, landscape elements in relatively wet and cold regions and landscape elements in relatively dry and hot regions. The project will be implemented using nine pilot cases where nature-based solutions have been applied to deal with a range of problems: wastewater treatment, limit impact of diffuse pollution and water retention. Each case will be studied in detail to establish costs and direct and indirect benefits, set up a hydrological model to allow extending the solution to the entire river basin, identify bottlenecks for implementation and identify a business model to allow implementation. The results will be synthesised, drawing besides the analysis of the pilot cases, also on the results of other relevant European Commission activities such as the Blue2 study on the socio-economic assessment of policies aiming to improve the quality of freshwater and the marine environment. In addition, previous work on natural water retention measures aiming to safeguard and enhance the water storage potential of landscape, soil, and aquifers, by restoring ecosystems, natural features and characteristics of watercourses and using natural processes will be integrated. An administrative agreement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) was signed on 12 November 2018.

In 2020, the work of seven out of the nine case studies have been concluded: these concern constructed wetlands for the treatment of manure and sludge (1 in Italy, 1 in Croatia and 1 in



Montenegro), landscape elements to address diffuse pollution (2 in Italy in a Mediterranean and a Continental setting, respectively), and catchment scale water retention (1 in Italy and 1 in Greece). The remaining two case studies started following the conclusion of two calls for tenders. They concern diffuse pollution in a Nordic environment (Finland), and water retention in a continental context (the Netherlands/Germany). The work is on track and will be concluded by April 2021. In addition to the case studies, a research synthesis service has been contracted to a consultant (IRIDRA srl, Italy) with the objective to identify criteria for the applicability of nature based solutions and develop equations enabling a quick appraisal of costs, benefits and effectiveness of different types of nature based solutions at the stage of planning, programming and policy analysis.

The work of this service has been finalized during 2020 and is now being reviewed in the perspective of EU-scale mapping by the JRC of costs, benefits and favourability for different nature based solutions, aimed at supporting policies related to the European Green Deal and the Common Agricultural Policy. While planned for completion in 2020, the work has been delayed due to various technical reasons and will be finalized in 2021. Results from the case studies as well as the EU-scale mapping of opportunities for nature-based solutions will be submitted for publication in a special issue of journal Sustainability (open access). The relevant data will be also disseminated through appropriate channels. The work is meant to be preparatory to a workshop for policy makers to be organized at the end of 2021.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The work from 2020 that has been delayed will be finalized in 2021.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                                    | <b>Date</b>      |
|--|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                 | 25 July 2018     |
| Signature of administrative agreement with JRC | 12 November 2018 |
| Interim payment(s)                             | 2021             |
| Final payment(s)                               | 2022             |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

##### **– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2018)4801, adopted on 25 July 2018, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. The results of the case studies and mapping will be published in 2021.

##### **– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

The previously EU-funded website <http://nwrn.eu/> holds an inventory of relevant projects. The LIFE programme has funded projects on the water / nature nexus that are relevant to this project. However, no activity is currently ongoing that systematically looks at a range of pilot

cases that have applied nature based solutions, synthesises results and draws policy lessons at EU level.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No, but the findings of the project will support both nature and water legislation implementation, and in particular the identification of cost-beneficial solutions in the measures that need to be taken at catchment level.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                        | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR<br>(maximum) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Administrative Agreement with the JRC | Joint Research Centre    | 700 000          |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The project is implemented through an administrative agreement with the Joint Research Centre. The JRC has extensive expertise in modelling the impact of various activities on water quality and quantity and has a profound experience with such nature-based solutions.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Farmers and farmer organisations, local and regional authorities responsible for water, nature protection and agriculture policy and practices, water companies / water utilities.

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 19 01: Pilot project — Development of a European label for Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV)

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 141 141 | p.m.    | 188 188 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 141 141 | p.m.    | 188 188 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations were voted for this pilot project for the first year under the 2019 budget

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The project intends to explore ways how to best identify and label vehicles that have low pollutant emissions. Clear determination of real pollutant performance levels of the newest vehicles is needed in order to make fair comparisons, first and foremost to ensure clarity for the customers, but also to allow for appropriate air quality measures to be introduced (such as fiscal or charging for the use of infrastructure). The main focus will be vehicles compliant with the latest step of Euro 6 (Euro 6d-TEMP or later) or certified to that level after retrofit, as it is essential for this project to be developed for vehicles coming into the market in the following years. Pollutant emission performance of these vehicles in real conditions will be the main parameter used to compare vehicles and various supporting tools designed to label and incentivise clean, ultra-low polluting vehicles. Interoperable, streamlined methods of exchanging vehicle information among authorities will be explored, with full regard to data protection safeguards. As a starting point, the project will review the pollutant emission characteristics of the current EU light-duty vehicle fleet by building upon existing emission factor databases and other publicly available evidence. Special emphasis should be placed on the factors that influence real-world pollutant emissions behaviour of recent vehicle types (e.g. the importance of engine cold-start events, driving behaviour, vehicle maintenance,

durability of emission control components and the presence of advanced after-treatment systems). Secondly, an analysis of existing vehicle classification schemes currently being developed or used to provide real-world emissions information for consumer information or similar purposes will be performed. The schemes should be evaluated from (at least) three perspectives:

- a technical perspective, notably including an evaluation of the comprehensiveness and robustness of the measurement protocols, and of how representative the vehicle ratings provided are of real-world emissions;
- a communications perspective, assessing the effectiveness of the ways in which the (often complex) results are communicated to the public, paying particular attention to the level of detail that is provided and the way that the uncertainties and variability of real-world emissions are conveyed;
- a governance perspective, assessing the mechanisms used to ensure technical soundness, impartiality, and general quality of the schemes.

Some of these recently launched initiatives that test and qualify the real-world emissions performance of cars are: TRUE initiative (<https://www.trueinitiative.org>), the AIR index (<https://www.allowair.org/the-air-index/>), Green NCAP (<https://www.greenncap.com>), the CEN Workshop Agreement 17379 (<https://www.cen.eu/news/brief-news/Pages/NEWS-2019-007.aspx>) and established independent emissions tests such as the ADAC EcoTest (<https://www.adac.de/ecotest/>).

Third, the project will identify best practices, areas of improvement, limitations and assess the ability of such vehicle classification schemes to achieve the following goals:

- complement the information provided by vehicle emissions data produced in the context of the application of EU vehicle emissions regulations,
- inform regional or local clean air measures, and the development of road vehicle emission inventories,
- rebuild consumer trust and guide the choices of environmentally conscious vehicle users, and
- be the basis of public or private incentives to low-polluting light-duty vehicles.

Fourth, the project will advise on the characteristics of a comprehensive, concept vehicle classification scheme, which would achieve the goals listed above.

Finally, the project will set up a dedicated, freely accessible public website that aggregates and curates publicly available data on the real-world emissions of light-duty vehicles, and presents it in a neutral manner. The main focus will be on vehicles currently on sale in the EU market; i.e. that are compliant with the latest steps of the EURO 6 norm (EURO 6d-TEMP or later). After the clarification from the requesting tenderers was received (28<sup>th</sup> February 2020), the contract was awarded to a consortium led by IDIADA Automotive Technology S.A. of Spain and including TNO (the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research), Emissions Analytics (independent testing house from the UK), AIR Alliance (UK), EMISIA of Greece and Automòbil Club Assistència of Spain.

Three deliverables were submitted up to the end of the year 2020:

- Deliverable 1.1 – an inception report outlining the content of the ‘real-world emissions guidebook’ report, within the first month of the signature of the contract,

- Deliverable 1.2 –the final ‘real-world emissions guidebook’ report, within the first 6 months from the signature of the contract,
- Deliverable 2.1 – an inception report outlining the content of the ‘vehicle emission classification schemes study’ report, within the first 7 months from the signature of the contract.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The year 2021 will see the start of the preparatory work for the development of the website on real-world emissions from new vehicles. This will be a dedicated, freely accessible public website that aggregates and curates publicly available data on the real-world emissions of light-duty vehicles, and presents it in a neutral manner. The main focus will be on vehicles currently on sale in the EU market; i.e., that are compliant with the latest steps of the EURO 6 norm (EURO 6dTEMP or later). The website will also have short informative articles about topics related to real-world pollutant emissions from light-duty vehicles in the EU that are not broadly understood by the average consumer. By August 2021, a report outlining the content, structure, data sources and proposed functionality and visual aspects of the website will have to be delivered by the contractors. It is foreseen that the final website will be hosted as a ‘wiki’ under the Europa site. Also for 2021, the contractors will work towards the completion of the final study on vehicle emission classification schemes (foreseen by May 2021). They will propose a 'concept' vehicle classification scheme that would successfully complement the information provided by vehicle emissions data produced in the context of the application of EU vehicle emissions regulations, inform regional or local clean air measures, and the development of road vehicle emission inventories, rebuild consumer trust and guide the choices of environmentally conscious vehicle users and be the basis of public or private incentives to low-polluting light-duty vehicles. The proposal will be of a comprehensive nature, covering the technical, communication and governance perspectives, and, where appropriate, addressing broader aspects of the environmental performance of vehicles currently not covered such as lifecycle emissions, recyclability or non-regulated pollutants.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>      |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 11 June 2019     |
| Publication of call for tender   | 15 October 2019  |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 18 November 2019 |
| Award decision                   | 29 May 2020      |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | March 2021       |
| Final payment                    | 2022             |

### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)4121 adopted on 11 June 2019 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project voted under the 2019 budget.

The call for tender ENV/2019/OP/0011 and the award decision are published on the Europa website at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019_en.htm)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to this study focusing on existing, non-regulatory solutions for assessing the real-world emissions from new passenger cars.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Development of a European Label for Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV) | IDIADA Automotive Technology S.A., Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), Emission Analytics Ltd (EA), Allow Independent Road Testing Company Ltd (AIR Alliance), Environmental and Energy Studies and Software Development (EMISIA), Automòbil Club Assistència, S.A.U. (ACASA) | 470 470                  |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers (IDIADA, EA, AIR Alliance, EMISIA) and research institutes / academia (TNO).

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 19 04: Pilot project — Invasive alien species: improvement of understanding and communication

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 262 500 | p.m.    | 612 500 | 0,0 %          | 133,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 262 500 | p.m.    | 612 500 | 0,0 %          | 133,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations were voted for this pilot project for the first year under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this Pilot Project is to promote the uptake of new practices for the prevention of establishment and spread of invasive alien species (IAS), through increased awareness and engagement by key stakeholders on IAS related biosecurity measures and the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 on invasive alien species. The project shall seek to work within different sectors whose activities are linked to the most important pathways of introduction and spread of IAS. It shall also enhance collaboration and exchange of good practice between different sectors, stakeholders and authorities, in order to address at an EU-wide scale the understanding of and communication on the challenges posed by invasive alien species. Both are important aspects for the successful implementation of Regulation (EU) 1143/2014 on invasive alien species. The project shall aim in particular to i) increase understanding by stakeholders of the IAS problem and the required IAS biosecurity measures, ii) increase understanding among natural resource managers and regulators of how to communicate on the IAS problem and the required IAS biosecurity measures with stakeholder groups. The call for tender was published on 04 April 2019 in the Official Journal 2019/S 067-156029. The closing date for sending in offers was 16 May 2019. The award decision was published in 2019/S 226-553019 on 22 November 2019. The kick-off meeting of the project was held on 19 December 2019. The contractor submitted an inception report in

February 2020. The main objective over 2020 was the completion of a survey to evaluate the baseline perceptions of the stakeholders in relation to invasive alien species.

Activities implemented:

- All the exploratory work for the project was concluded in 2020. This meant identifying at least 10 invasive alien species with most impact on biodiversity for each of the five areas or cluster of pathways studied in the project.
- A workshop to this end was held in April 2020.
- The methodology for a baseline survey, including a questionnaire was developed.
- The preparatory work for the stakeholder platforms was carried out in 2020. This included selecting stakeholders, conducting interviews to select members.
- Common principles for the stakeholder platforms were developed.

Deliverables submitted:

- Baseline surveys;
- Baseline reports;
- Stakeholders’ questionnaires;
- Inception report;
- First progress report.

Meetings held:

- Project kick-off meeting held in December 2019.
- First progress meeting held in January 2021.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- Finalise stakeholder platforms preparation (final selection of stakeholders);
- Carry out platform meetings as from March 2021;
- Develop planned campaign on invasive alien species.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date            |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 11 June 2019    |
| Publication of call for tender   | 4 April 2019    |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 16 May 2019     |
| Award decision                   | 31 October 2019 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | 2021 and 2022   |
| Final payment                    | 2022            |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**



The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)4121 adopted on 11 June 2019 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project voted under the 2019 budget.

The call for tender ENV.D.2/SER/2019/0006 and the contract award notice are published on the Europa website at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019_en.htm)

One of the members of the project consortium Adelphi, has information on the project available at the following address:

<https://www.adelphi.de/en/project/invasive-alien-species-improving-understanding-and-communication>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow up is planned. This project aims to increase awareness and engagement by key stakeholders on IAS-related biosecurity measures and the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 on invasive alien species. The project's activities are developed in the framework of existing regulation.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor   | EUR<br>(maximum) |
|--|--|------------------|
| Invasive Alien Species: Improvement of Understanding and Communication | United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI), represented by its Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) | 875 000          |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of a call for tender.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Research institutes / academia, national authorities responsible for the implementation of the Invasive Alien Species legislation, public, and various stakeholders.

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 20 01: Pilot project — Making the Iron Gate dams passable for Danube sturgeon

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 2 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 600 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 2 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 600 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objectives of this Pilot Project is to assess technical solutions for opening a migration route for sturgeon at the Iron Gate hydropower dams on the Danube river on the border between Romania and Serbia. The project will involve many actors in different sectors e.g. biologists, hydrologists, sturgeon experts, fish migration experts etc. The project will look at the following aspects: fish behaviour i.e. upstream and downstream migrations as well as survival rate at the Iron Gates I and II turbines, hydraulic modelling, integrated analyses of the different upstream and downstream solutions for fish migration, organisation of workshop(s) to discuss and review these technical solutions with sturgeon and fish migration experts etc. The outcome of this project will be a comprehensive feasibility study analysing the options to establish fish migration at the Iron Gates. Prior to publication of the call for tender, interested Directorates General of the Commission were consulted and their input was taken into account when finalising the tender specifications. The call for tender was published on 16 September 2020 and the closing date was 19 October 2020 (see 5.2). The project will have clear EU added value, as it will contribute to achieving the environmental objectives of the Water Framework Directive, the Habitats Directive as well as the Bern Convention. It will also promote cross-border co-operation between the EU and its neighbours.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The contract has been signed in end March 2021; the first meeting (inception) will take place between the Commission and the contractor in April 2021. Thereafter, the inception report will be finalised taking into account the comments provided during the kick-off meeting and laying down, if needed, an updated and/or more detailed planning and, methodology for the execution of all tasks. The first progress meetings will be held before the end of the year to take stock of the progress of the work and address any difficulties that may arise in the implementation of this contract.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 4 August 2020     |
| Publication of call for tender  | 16 September 2020 |
| Closing date of call for tender | 19 October 2020   |
| Award decision                  | 21 January 2021   |
| Interim payments                | 2021 and 2022     |
| Final payment                   | 2024              |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)5200 adopted on 04 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

The Open Call ENV/2020/OP/0037 documents are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

The award decision will be available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged in terms of legislative proposal. Depending on the outcome of the feasibility study, the necessary funds need to be found for the next steps i.e. work performed by an engineering company for the construction/building of the fish pass.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                      | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>    | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Making the Iron Gates Dams<br>Passable for Danube Sturgeon | CDM Smith Consult GmbH,<br>Germany | 1 999 998                |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this pilot project by means of call for tender.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

The beneficiary is a consortium led by a private company.

## 1. Heading

### PP 09 20 02: Pilot project — Improving guidance and knowledge sharing between land managers, conservationists and local communities to preserve cultural heritage landscapes under and outside Natura 2000

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 439 881,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 131 965 | p.m.    | 131 965 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 439 881,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 131 965 | p.m.    | 131 965 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Pilot project

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this pilot project were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The central goal of the project is to fill an important gap in the current stakeholder landscape at EU-level by creating a new EU network cooperation of land-care initiatives between conservationists, farmers and local communities. This will promote better implementation of EU directives, first the Habitats, Birds Directive, and especially conservation objectives within the Natura 2000 network. It will facilitate the contribution of the Common Agricultural Policy towards achieving Nature and biodiversity objectives in various countries. It will address especially agri-environmental management in coordination with the farm advisory systems. Other EU environmental policies such as the Nitrates Directive and Water Framework Directive should be considered for aspects, which are relevant for the implementation of the Nature legislation. Feedback and suggestions will be summarised and delivered to the Commission as well as to the respective ministries in the Member States. This will also foster the transfer of knowledge and practical experiences from one country to another and the development of suitable programmes if necessary.

The call for tender ENV/2020/OP/0043 was published on 23 December 2020. The call documents are available on [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm) while the award decision is expected for the second quarter of 2021 and will be published at this site too. The offers received are currently under evaluation.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The Commission is expected to sign the contract in the second quarter of 2021. The first progress report is expected 6 months after the signature of the contract, so possibly by the end of 2021) with the description of the results of task 1 (Creation of the EU land-care network), task two (Elaboration of the work programme of the network), task three (Organisation and conclusions of at least one workshop).

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                     | <b>Date</b>      |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 4 August 2020    |
| Publication of call for tender  | 23 December 2020 |
| Closing date of call for tender | 22 February 2021 |
| Award decision                  | 6 May 2021       |
| Interim payments                | 2022 and 2023    |
| Final payment                   | 2023             |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this pilot project?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)5200 adopted on 04 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

The call documents and the award decision are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this project with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged because the project is supporting existing legislation (Common Agricultural Policy, Nature protection and Water legislation)

#### *5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Call for tender       | Not yet known                   | 439 881              |

#### *5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implement this pilot project by means of an Open Call for tender in order to award and concluded a procurement contract.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Associations, private companies / service providers, public service providers (national, regional and local authorities working on land management), research institutes / academia, and stakeholders (farmers; NGOs, local communities, farm advisory services).

## **PREPARATORY ACTIONS**



## 1. Heading

**PA 01 16 02: Preparatory action — REIsearch (Research excellence innovation framework) — Enhancing the competitiveness of the European Research Area by increasing communication among researchers, citizens, industry and policymakers**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 499 232 | p.m.    | 499 232 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 499 232 | p.m.    | 499 232 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2016, 2017 and 2018 budgets. It follows a pilot project (09 04 77 03) financed under the 2014 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

REISEARCH intends to develop a business platform SEMTICA that will complement the platform for the public. There was a delay in this implementation, which resulted in an amendment of contract that in essence extends the project by 6 month with no additional costs. In addition, the first reporting period was shifted backwards by 6 months.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The platform will be finished by mid-year. The initially planned public presentation of the platform in Milano will be delayed to October due to the current situation in Lombardia. Overall the platform should be up and running by September latest. The business plan for making both platforms (SIMETICA and REISEARCH) sustainable after project end will be further developed in 2021

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2016 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|

| Step                               | Date             |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 10 August 2016   |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 22 August 2016   |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 2 September 2016 |
| Award decision                     | 9 December 2016  |
| Pre-financing payment              | 13 December 2016 |
| Final payment                      | 07 November 2017 |

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| Step                                | Date             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision      | 28 April 2017    |
| Invitation to submit a proposal     | September 2017   |
| Deadline for submission of proposal | October 2017     |
| Award decision                      | 11 December 2017 |
| Pre-financing payment               | 19 December 2017 |
| Final payment                       | 30 January 2019  |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                                | Date             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision      | 22 October 2018  |
| Invitation to submit a proposal     | 12 November 2018 |
| Deadline for submission of proposal | 30 November 2018 |
| Award decision                      | 13 December 2018 |
| Pre-financing payment               | 04 February 2019 |
| Interim payment                     | November 2020    |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing decision C(2016) 5176, adopted on 10 August 2016, sets out the main elements of the preparatory action voted under budget 2016.

The Commission Financing decision C(2017) 2755, adopted on 28 April 2017, sets out the main elements of the second preparatory action voted under budget 2017.

The website of the platform is available at the following address: <http://reiresearch.eu/>

The Commission financing decision C(2018)6834, adopted on 22 October 2018, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the third preparatory action.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged. REISEARCH is developing a platform for giving access to scientific information to citizens and to journalists and is striving to raise awareness on scientific grounding of public policies. It is squarely centred in the current debate on disinformation on scientific facts (see e.g. fake COVID cures) and links among others to the European Science and Media Hu, Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA). There was initially a policy focus on linking science into societal debates that could indeed have led to policy measures in context of need for public action to be informed by scientific evidence. In course of project, it however became clear that the platform REISEARCH would not be able to self-sustain after end of the PPPA cycle. A new platform was therefore developed – SIMETIA. It will link scientists with companies in need of scientific advice. It also responds to needs from innovation policy to give various stakeholders in business access to scientific facts. The project is developing a business model how to financially self-sustain the platform SIMETIA and intends to also continue the citizen focussed REISEARCH platform.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2016 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                    | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                               | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Research Excellence Innovation Framework | Atomium - European Institute for Science, Media and Democracy | 750 000              |

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                    | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                               | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Research Excellence Innovation Framework | Atomium - European Institute for Science, Media and Democracy | 997 013              |

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                    | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                               | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Research Excellence Innovation Framework | Atomium - European Institute for Science, Media and Democracy | 1 996 926            |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The 2016 preparatory action was implemented by way of a grant without call for proposals according to the conditions of article 190(1) (c) or (f) of the Rules of Application of the Financial regulation.

The 2017 preparatory action was implemented by way of a grant without call for proposals according to the conditions of article 190(1) (c) or (f) of the Rules of Application of the Financial regulation.

The 2018 preparatory action was implemented by way of grant without call for proposals according to the conditions of article 195(f) of the financial regulation.

#### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

A legal entity or a consortium with at least one partner with experience of bringing together scientists, politicians and the media, as well as the capacity to run the platform for bringing together the stakeholders, and with prior experience in setting up such a platform.

## 1. Heading

### PA 01 19 01: Preparatory action — Preparing the new EU GOVSATCOM programme

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 1 456 340,54 | p.m.        | 3 000 000 | p.m.    | 5 543 659 | 0,0 %          | 84,8 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 1 456 340,54 | p.m.        | 3 000 000 | p.m.    | 5 543 659 | 0,0 %          | 84,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this Preparatory Action is to provide the basis for the operational implementation of GOVSATCOM from 2021 foreseen in the Space Programme Regulation.

The Preparatory Action is supporting a series of activities, including:

- System architecture and demonstration projects for the GOVSATCOM Hub, the new ground infrastructure needed to connect the users with GOVSATCOM capacity and service providers;
- The analysis of the various GOVSATCOM use-cases in order to derive the operational and security requirements.
- The analysis and foresight of the GOVSATCOM supply and demand, with specific attention to the geographic distribution;
- Risk and threat analysis and other analysis required for the Security Requirements;
- Analysis of GOVSATCOM as a building block towards a secure space connectivity system;
- Outreach and communication activities.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In 2021, the Commission is implementing this action through indirect management (Contribution Agreement with the European GNSS Agency (GSA)) and through procurement of the GOVSATCOM hubs. Additionally, the Commission is implementing through direct

management the study for the evolution of GOVSATCOM and EuroQCI as building blocks towards a secure space connectivity system. The Commission is also, through direct management, defining the technical aspects for the preparation of the implementing acts on the GOVSATCOM service portfolio and the operational requirements.

The project has been delayed due to the late approval of the Contribution Agreement signed in 2020 with the GSA for the implementation of the preparatory action through indirect management.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 29 November 2019  |
| Publication of call for tender   | Preliminary market analysis for GOVSATCOM Hub: May 2019<br>Direct management first call for tender: November 2019<br>Indirect management, contribution agreement: April 2020<br>Indirect management first call for tender: September 2020 |
| <b>First call: 2019</b>          |   |
| Closing date of call for tender  | Direct management: December 2019.<br>Indirect management: September 2020  |
| Award decision                   | Direct management: November 2019<br>Indirect management: November 2020  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Indirect management: April 2020   |
| Final payment                    | Fourth quarter of 2021 - first quarter of 2022  |
| <b>Second call: 2020</b>         |   |
| Publication of call for tender   | Direct management: September 2020<br>Indirect management: October 2020  |
| Closing date of call for tender  | Direct management: November 2020<br>Indirect management: January 2021   |
| Award decision                   | Direct management: December 2020<br>Indirect management: May 2021   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Direct management: January 2021<br>Indirect management: June 2021   |
| Final payment                    | Direct management: January 2022<br>Indirect management: Fourth quarter of 2022 - first quarter of 2023  |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision, adopted on 5 March 2019, and its amended version (C(2019)8724 final) adopted on 29 November 2019 set out the main elements of this preparatory action.

Call documents for indirect management are available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:478775-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>

The award decision is available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:638195-2020:HTML:EN:HTML&tabId=1&tabLang=en>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to follow up this preparatory action with the GOVSATCOM component of the Regulation Establishing the Space Programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme, adopted by the Commission in June 2018 (COM(2018) 447), which is currently undergoing the co-decision procedure. This is a Regulation for the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| GOVSATCOM Communication and outreach activities   | Spacetec et al.                 | 457 433              |
| Technical support for the GOVSATCOM Preparatory Action  | Rhea System SA                  | 612 937              |
| European Union Governmental Satellite Communications (EU GOVSATCOM) Hubs and other activities | GSA (indirect management)       | 4 500 000            |
| GOVSATCOM and EuroQCI: Building Blocks Towards a Secure Space Connectivity System             | Airbus SA et al.                | 4 429 630            |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this action by procurements, by direct management, and partly by indirect management by entrusting EUR 4 500 000 for specific tasks to the GSA.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes, media companies.

## 1. Heading

### PA 01 20 01: Preparatory action — Art and the digital: Unleashing creativity for European industry, regions and society

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 1 800 000,00 | 0,00 | 1 500 000   | 1 185 000 | p.m.    | 990 000 | -100,0 %       | -16,5 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 800 000,00 | 0,00 | 1 500 000   | 1 185 000 | p.m.    | 990 000 | -100,0 %       | -16,5 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 and the 2021 budget.

This preparatory action follows two previous pilot projects (PP 01 18 02).

#### **Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:**

The previous two pilot projects established the concept of a STARTS regional centre and attracted a wider interest in the idea of setting up local centres across Europe that can serve as spaces for artists and engineers to collaborate.

In 2020, a call for proposal was launched for the preparatory action. An evaluation was held, and one winner selected (actual evaluation took place in January 2021).

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The project was negotiated and a grant signed (February 2021). The project will start 1 June 2021. It will consolidate the work of previous pilot actions towards a regional policy development agenda based on an infrastructure that helps achieve collaborations between stakeholder in industry, technology and the arts.

Launch a call for proposals for a second PA project, hold evaluations and award a grant.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*



– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>       |
|--|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 20 April 2020     |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 15 September 2020 |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 30 October 2020   |
| Award decision                                       | 23 February 2021  |
| Prefinancing payment                                 | May 2021          |
| Final payment  | December 2022     |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>         |
|--|---------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 4 May 2021          |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | July 2021           |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2020      |
| Award decision                                       | November 2021       |
| Prefinancing payment                                 | January 2022        |
| Final payment  | Second half of 2023 |

This is the second year of the preparatory action in a series of pilot projects and preparatory actions. In order to avoid too much overlap between succeeding projects, the preparatory action can start only by end of 2021/beginning 2022.

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**- Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

#### *2020 commitment appropriations*

The Commission Financing Decision C/2020/2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2020 commitment appropriations.

Call documents are available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/art-and-digital-unleashing-creativity-european-industry-regions-and-society-0>

#### *2021 commitment appropriations*

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

The goal of this project is to prepare regional funding of STARTS centres. It however goes beyond the goals of STARTS in its insistence to prepare the ground for regional initiatives linking art and technology for regional development.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No direct follow up is envisaged but it is envisaged to use evidence gathered in these actions to promote use of European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) in regional development that link art and technology as enablers. As such, there is expected impact on legislation.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                            | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Regional S+T+ARTS Centres: Repairing the Present | SNOWBALL                        | 1 800 000            |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by grant following a call for proposals.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies, research institutes / academia, foundations.

## 1. Heading

### PA 01 21 01: Preparatory action — Advancing evidence for policy at EU, regional and local level

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 850 000 | -100,0 %       | 126,7 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 500 000   | 375 000 | p.m.    | 850 000 | -100,0 %       | 126,7 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The intention is to set up the call for expression of interest targeted to local and regional authorities that will participate in the project, and launch all the relevant tender procedures, notably for:

- The organisation of participatory events and co-creation processes with local and regional authorities on policy topics of their choice, aligned with the overall priorities of the Commission;
- Setting up a pairing scheme to allow local and regional policymakers and scientists to interact and engage with each other;
- Developing training course materials for skills and capacity building on Evidence-Informed Policymaking.

In the second half of 2021, the implementation of activities should begin.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

- 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date       |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | April 2021 |

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2021                       |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2021                      |
| Award decision                                       | September 2021                 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | Third / fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment  | First / second quarter of 2022 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision, to be adopted in June 2021, will set out the main elements of the implementation.

An ad-hoc project website is under construction and will be published soon on the EU Science Hub, available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No concrete follow up is envisaged at this stage, however, discussions are ongoing within the Commission and synergies with existing instruments are being explored, with the aim to expand existing tools or shape a new tool in order to address the objectives of this Preparatory Action.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

During the first year of implementation, many aspects of this preparatory action will be adapted following the discussion within the Commission and the contribution of local and regional authorities that are willing to participate in this action.

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Events and innovation camps, including pairing schemes | To be determined following procurement procedure | 600 000              |
| Multiregional networks                                 | To be determined following procurement procedure | 350 000              |
| Community of Practice                                  | To be determined following procurement procedure | 550 000              |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of procurement – either by making use of existing framework contracts (e.g. for event organisation) or by issuing dedicated calls for tender (either fully open, or via negotiated procedure).

#### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, media companies.

## 1. Heading

### PA 02 18 01: Preparatory action — Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn  |            | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 17 745 100,00 | 984 672,50 | p.m.        | 7 153 900 | p.m.    | 6 100 000 | 0,0 %          | -14,7 % |
| Reserve |               |            |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 17 745 100,00 | 984 672,50 | p.m.        | 7 153 900 | p.m.    | 6 100 000 | 0,0 %          | -14,7 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under 2018, 2019 and 2020 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation

Building on the existing support for coal regions, implemented through service contract establishing the Secretariat for Coal Region in Transition, this action provided targeted support for:

- Coal regions in transition in the European Union, in particular through targeted technical assistance for energy-related plans and projects, peer learning and knowledge sharing between coal regions;
- Coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine, based on the EU experience of the coal regions in transition initiative.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

This preparatory action is under implementation to ensure the effectiveness of these support efforts, their long-term sustainability, and ultimately the success of the transformation of the EU as a whole and its global leadership. This is done by establishing a dedicated platform, which should inter alia enable the Commission to identify regions in transition and on-the-ground bottlenecks, to establish stakeholder fora and operational guidelines with best practices.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                              | Date                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision    | 1 March 2018           |
| Publication of call for tender    | Second quarter 2019    |
| Closing date of call f for tender | Third quarter 2019     |
| Launch of the project(s)          | Fourth quarter 2019    |
| Project expected duration         | 36 months              |
| Prefinancing payment              | 27 March 2020          |
| Interim payment(s)                | 4 March 2021           |
| Final payment(s)                  | Second quarter of 2022 |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 1 March 2018           |
| Interim payment                | 23 December 2020       |
| Final payment                  | Second quarter of 2021 |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date   |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision | 12 August 2020   |
| Interim payment                | Third quarter of 2021; second quarter of 2022;<br>second quarter of 2023 |
| Final payment                  | Second quarter of 2024   |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

Commission decisions C(2018)1179 of 1 March 2018<sup>14</sup> and C(2020)5455 set out the main elements of this preparatory action.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.cc.cec/sg/vista/view/main/home.jsf>

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage as the details are not yet know because the implementation is still ongoing.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PA - Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition | ECORYS Brussels NV              | 1 700 000                |

– 2019 appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b>                       | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| PA - Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition | ECORYS Brussels NV                                    | 300 000                  |
|   | International Bank for Reconstruction and Development | 1 700 000                |

– 2020 appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PA - Establishing comprehensive support for coal and carbon-intensive regions in transition | ECORYS Europe GEIE              | 2 745 100                |
|   | Unkown to date                  | 15 000 000               |

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends is implementing this preparatory action by means of a call for tender.

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Study and technical assistance service providers.



## 1. Heading

### PA 02 19 01: Preparatory action — User-friendly information tool on urban and regional vehicle access regulation schemes

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |           |         |           |                |         |
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 500 000 | p.m.    | 1 191 232 | 0,0 %          | -20,6 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 500 000 | p.m.    | 1 191 232 | 0,0 %          | -20,6 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation

In line with the objective to enable road users to be fully informed about urban and regional access regulation schemes, the action aimed at improving the experience of road users (1) by improving the communication of information, (2) by facilitating access to cities for foreign drivers e.g. in order to avoid to pre-register and (3) by facilitating the check of compliance.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

This preparatory action will aim at enabling professional and non-professional drivers to be fully informed about urban and regional access regulation schemes. It will focus on data provision and include a study for the development of a user-friendly tool (online/app). The information will include geographical scope, access conditions (vehicle type, time (including temporary restrictions with links to real-time information sources, etc.), tariffs (prices and validity), payment options, enforcement policies, penalties and appeal procedures etc., both for a country's own nationals and foreign nationals, with the possibility of information pushes at users' request. Consideration may also be given to including accompanying measures such as park-and-ride facilities, freight consolidation etc.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                                    | Date                                  |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision          | 7 May 2019                            |
| Publication of call for tender          | 22 October 2019                       |
| Closing date of call for tender         | 15 November 2019                      |
| Award decision/Launch of the project(s) | 28 August 20 20                       |
| Project expected duration               | 24 months                             |
| Interim payments                        | 26 April 2021; fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Final payment                           | Fourth quarter of 2022                |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                            | Date                   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 24 April 2020          |
| Publication of call for tender  | 23 November 2020       |
| Closing date of call for tender | 19 January 2021        |
| Project expected duration       | 18 months              |
| Interim payments                | Second quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment                   | Fourth quarter of 2022 |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission decisions C(2019)3279 of 7 May 2019 and C(2020)2589 of 24 April 2020 set out the main elements of this preparatory action.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage as the details are not yet known because the implementation is still ongoing.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Preparatory Action – User-friendly information tool on urban and regional vehicle access regulation schemes | Armis Sistema de Informacao LDA | 979 232                  |

– 2020 appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Preparatory Action – User-friendly information tool on urban and regional vehicle access regulation schemes | Unknown to date                 | 1 000 000                |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by a call for tender.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Study service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PA 02 20 01: Preparatory action — Teaching island authorities and communities how to tender for renewable energy projects

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |           | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |           |             |         |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 1 999 850,00 | 92 640,57 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 538 644 | 0,0 %          | 7,7 % |
| Reserve |              |           |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 1 999 850,00 | 92 640,57 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 538 644 | 0,0 %          | 7,7 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation

Within the action, the Commission worked in close co-operation with core Member States and islands' local authorities with the aim of setting up appropriate plans to carry the initiative forward. Special attention was paid to providing training to islands to conduct successful tenders and the establishment of a European Energy Islands Forum in order to display advances, encourage networking, share experiences and transfer knowledge and expertise to the islands themselves. The Forum aimed:

- to allowing technology providers to reach potential client including the implementation of a support structure;
- to prepare replicable transition plans and related capacity building for selected island types;
- to provide logistics and communication support in organising the Forums;
- to provide training for islands to conduct successful tender;
- to conduct a comprehensive study into a relevant topic, to be decided (for instance an comprehensive inventory of relevant regulatory barriers in national legislation).

### Intentions for the current year 2021

Under this preparatory action, island authorities and communities will be taught how to write open tenders themselves. The open tenders will then be for private clean-energy companies to competitively respond to with proposals, in particular in connection with solar, wind energy,

storage (not only batteries) and district heating/cooling. Rapidly falling renewable energy costs and increasing numbers of clean-energy providers mean that Union islands should now be transitioning to clean energy, provided that their authorities know how to write, evaluate and award tenders. For islands with low administrative budgets, this process is risky, as it makes highly technical, financial and legal demands. This preparatory action will provide islands with off-the-shelf templates for tendering and will be developed throughout its duration by taking island representatives to visit renewable energy experts for islands and sites around Europe, where profitable clean-energy projects are already being delivered, where possible involving renewable energy communities, in order to share first-hand experiences and learn about the latest project life-cycle budgeting for islands. These real-life training classes and site visits will then be distilled into free, open-access online training courses at the end of the preparatory action. This preparatory action reverses the normal Union project process, in that, instead of providing a successful standalone proposal in response to a Commission open tender, it will teach island communities how to write tenders themselves, to which they will receive responses that they have been trained to process and manage.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step  | Date   |
|---|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                      | 14 May 2020  |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender | Ongoing Framework contract                               |
| Award decision                                      | 18 May 2020  |
| Interim payments                                    | Third and fourth quarter of 2021; second quarter of 2022 |
| Final payment                                       | Second quarter of 2023                                   |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Decision C(2020)3056 of 14 May 2020 sets out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage as the details are not yet known because the implementation is still ongoing.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / contractor                                    | EUR<br>(maximum)     |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Teaching island authorities and communities how to tender for renewable energy projects | Klima-Bundnis Der<br>Europaischen Stad, 3E*<br>Alex De Broe | 138 850<br>1 795 480 |

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of a framework contract.

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies, service providers, and public service providers.

## 1. Heading

### PA 02 20 02: Preparatory action — Strengthening cooperation on climate action among villages in the Union and beyond through the creation of a rural identity within the Covenant of Mayors

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |           |                |         |
| Line    | 2 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 1 000 000 | 0,0 %          | 100,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 2 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 1 000 000 | 0,0 %          | 100,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation

Support of the development of renewable energy communities in European rural areas.

### Intentions for the current year 2021

The project aims at supporting the development of renewable energy communities in a number of European countries, by raising awareness activities amongst the target groups, identifying best practices, and supporting on the ground the development of renewable energy smart villages plans. Europe has been at the forefront of developing community energy policies, with both EU and some Member States providing significant support for community engagement in renewable energy systems. These community energy developments take many forms from community heating initiatives, which are well developed in Germany, to shared ownership of community renewables in Scotland and Denmark. Many of these developments are place-based, led by community activists who use crowdsourcing or commercial lending to develop community-owned renewable energy. They include community heating from wood, biogas developments (often with electricity generation), wind turbines, photovoltaic power and hydropower. The revised Renewable Energy Directive provides many opportunities for strengthening these initiatives.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date   |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 14 May 2020                                    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 10 December 2020                               |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 14 December 2020                               |
| Award decision                                       | Second quarter of 2021                         |
| Interim payments                                     | Fourth quarter of 2021; third quarter of 2022; |
| Final payment  | Third quarter of 2023                          |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Decision C(2020)3056 of 14 May 2020 sets out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage as the details are not yet known because the implementation is still ongoing.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| PA - Strengthening cooperation on climate action among villages in the Union and beyond through the creation of a rural identity within the Covenant of Mayors | Unknown to date          | 2 000 000     |

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of a call for tender/framework contract.

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers.



## 1. Heading

### PA 02 20 03: Preparatory action — Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in the digital transformation of public administrations in Europe: a European platform of regions

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 850 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 255 000 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |      |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 850 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 255 000 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this call is to create a pan-European tool to support the digital transformation of public administrations, in particular at regional level. This preparatory action will therefore support the establishment of a platform to facilitate the uptake and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data (BD) by regional public administrations across Europe with the aim to enhance efficiency and the provision of user-centric services.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The digital transformation of public administrations is key for the success of the Digital Single Market. The vision, as driven by the eGovernment Action Plan and the Tallinn Ministerial Declaration on eGovernment, is for public administrations at all levels to be open, efficient and inclusive, providing borderless, interoperable, personalised, user-friendly end-to-end digital public services to citizens and businesses. AI and Big Data BD are driving a new social and economic paradigm in Europe and beyond. AI and BD use by public administration has increased, demonstrating great potentials in a broad range of sectors - going from mobility, to environmental monitoring and geophysical simulations, from smart power grids to personalized healthcare. This preparatory action will support the establishment of a platform to facilitate the uptake and use of AI and BD by regional public administrations

across Europe with the aim to enhance their efficiency and the user-centricity of their services.

The project has been delayed due to COVID-19 related issues.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>       |
|--|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 20 April 2020     |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 6 July 2020       |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 10 September 2020 |
| Award decision                                       | April 2021        |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | June 2021         |
| Final payment  | July 2023         |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, set out the main elements of the implementation.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

These details will soon be made available, i.e. once the award decision has technically been finalised.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the second year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by a call for proposal.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public service providers, research institutes / academia, private companies, media companies, international organisations, natural persons.

## 1. Heading

### PA 02 20 04: Preparatory action — Smart local administration drawing on the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, virtual reality and machine learning tools to get closer to the citizen

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 300 000 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |      |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 300 000 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

The Commission expects to fund one to two proposals.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this preparatory action is to set up a network of local 'laboratories' to support the development and roll-out of digitally enabled innovative solutions for citizen engagement in policy making and decision making, as well as co-creation and co-delivery of public services at the local level.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Technology can be used to facilitate citizen's access to and interactions with public administrations. The objective of this preparatory action is to support the development and rollout of digitally enabled innovative solutions for citizen engagement in policymaking and decision-making, as well as co-creation and co-delivery of public services at the local level. The digital technologies to be employed should be based on solutions available on the market, using innovative technological trends such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI) including Machine Learning, and Virtual Reality (VR).

The action should draw on ongoing work in the field, such as the Innovative Public Services Action funded by the programme for Interoperability solutions for public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA2), experience and knowledge gained from and tools developed by Horizon 2020 projects in the area of digital government / open government / co-creation

as well the Synchronicity Large Scale IoT/AI pilot for smart cities, the Overview and Analysis of the Use and Impact of AI in Public Services (under the AI Watch study), the European Artificial Intelligence On-Demand Platform and Ecosystem (AI4EU) as well as other relevant activities to be supported under the Digital Europe Programme such as those in the context of smart and sustainable cities and communities as well as other relevant initiatives on public sector innovation.

The project has been delayed due to COVID-19 related issues.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date             |
|--|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 20 April 2020    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 6 July 2020      |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 3 September 2020 |
| Award decision                                       | April 2021       |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | June 2021        |
| Final payment  | July 2023        |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**- Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the [following address](#).

Call documents are available at the [following address](#).

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its second year.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

These details will soon be made available, i.e. once the award decision has technically been finalised.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by a call for proposal.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public service providers, research institutes / academia, private companies, media companies, international organizations, natural persons.

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 18 01: Preparatory action — Culture Europe: Promoting Europe's treasures

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |           |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 100 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | 0,0 %          | -45,5 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 100 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | 0,0 %          | -45,5 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objectives of the preparatory action are to:

- Support the promotion and marketing of transnational tourism products and lesser-known European sites in targeted third country markets, in particular, amongst others, China and US, through joint public-private partnerships;
- Showcase the diversity and richness of European heritage and cultural manifestations (UNESCO World Heritage sites and journeys, music and food festivals, folklore and spirituality) as a way of attracting visitors to Europe;
- Reinforce the development of European and transnational tourism products as part of the promotion of Europe as a tourist destination;
- Boost cultural tourism and increase flows of visitors from selected target third countries to Europe.

In order to optimise the use of various other budget appropriations, it was decided to implement the European tourism promotion products (including Europe's treasures) for which the budgets were allocated by awarding a single grant without a call for proposals in accordance with Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation to the European Travel Commission (ETC). The ad-hoc grant signed with ETC in July 2019 funds a series of large marketing campaigns in key long haul markets for the EU (i.e. USA, China, Canada and Australia) through the Joint Promotion Platform (JPP). JPP has been set up by ETC and is co-funded by the tourism sector (mainly Destination Management Organisations at various

levels). These campaigns are focusing on: (1) trans-European tourism products, (2) coastal / maritime tourism in the EU and (3) cultural tourism in the EU. 2019 was used to develop campaign strategies, secure additional financial security, recruit subcontractors (communication agency, media buyer agency) and start the development of marketing contents.

The contents of the co-funded marketing campaigns have been developed and co-funders found, however, because of COVID19 pandemic in Europe and in targeted markets (China, USA, Canada, Australia), their launch has been postponed (initially planned to start in April 2020). A number of trials on ETC web and social media were conducted through existing dissemination tools (while keeping the budget for buying media space and increase traffic for the fully-fledged launch).

A small part of the budget was reallocated to support the production of market intelligence reports about travel sentiments (how many European and international visitors intend to travel within or to Europe, by when, etc.) in order to help the European tourism ecosystem managing the crisis and planning for its restart.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

In order to contribute to the restart of the European tourism ecosystem and taking into account the fact that this restart will rely largely on intra-EU tourism, ETC is preparing new marketing campaigns focusing on intra-EU tourism. These should be launched ahead of the 2021 summer season. Familiarisation trips for tour operators and influencers will take place as soon as travel bans imposed by Member States and third countries are lifted. Virtual alternatives are prepared. The Business-to-Business travel trade exhibition will be organised through virtual means.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                    | <b>Date</b>   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Adoption of financing decision | 15 February 2018  |
| Invitation - ad-hoc grant      | 19 March 2019   |
| Submission date                | 17 April 2019   |
| Award decision                 | 9 July 2019   |
| Signature of the agreement     | 12 August 2019  |
| Pre-financing payments         | August 2019   |
| Interim payments               | January 2020, July 2020, October 2020, June 2021, December 2021 |
| Final payments                 | First quarter of 2022   |

### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

Commission Financing Decision C(2018)848, adopted on 15 February 2018, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2018\)848&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2018)848&lang=en)

Information about Commission's cooperation with ETC are available on the following website: [https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/tourism/promoting-europe\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/tourism/promoting-europe_en).

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Some activities promoting European tourism and tourism products were financed under the programme COSME (2014-2020) and will be financed under its successor, the Single Market Programme.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No specific follow up is envisaged, it is nevertheless expected that Europe's treasures will continue to be promoted as part of future promotion campaigns for Destination Europe under the Single Market Programme.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Promoting trans-European tourism products in third countries | European Travel Commission      | 1 100 000            |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

Implementation of 2018 appropriations via a grant awarded without a call for proposals to the European Travel Commission (ETC), in accordance with Article 128 of the Financial Regulation and Article 190(1)(f) of the Rules of Application, given that the ETC is the only organisation bringing together the national tourism organisations of the Member States, which are essential relays for this action.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

European Travel Commission (ETC) and its member National Tourism Organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 18 02: Preparatory action — World Bridge Tourism

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 810 000,00 | p.m.        | 900 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | 0,0 %          | -50,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 810 000,00 | p.m.        | 900 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | 0,0 %          | -50,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The main objectives of this action are:

- To increase the flow of Chinese travellers in the EU, in particular Chinese Free Individual Travellers (FITs), with high revenues, interested in lesser known destinations and travelling outside high season;
- To create investment opportunities for EU companies in China where domestic tourism is booming.

Building on the experience of the 2015 "World Bridge" pilot project dedicated to the preparation of the EU-China Tourism Year, the main actions consist of:

- Training activities (mainly online) for the EU tourism industry operators to adapt their products and promotion activities to attract increased visitation by Chinese travellers, in particular FITs;
- Four Business-to-Business Matchmaking (B2B) events facilitating partnerships between European tourism suppliers and Chinese buyers, on (virtual) travel fairs.

The call for tenders to implement the above-mentioned actions was only published early 2019 in order to draft the technical specifications on the basis of the results and 'return on investment' of the B2B events organised under the "Internationalisation of EU tourism operators" initiative, which ended in February 2019. Unfortunately, this call was unsuccessful, as the registered bids did not reach the minimum technical quality. A new call has been published in July 2019 and the contract has been signed on 20 December 2019.



COVID-19 in China and in Europe have complicated the organisation of EU-China B2B tourism matchmaking events. Most international Travel Fairs have been cancelled on both sides since February-March 2020.

The duration of the contract has been extended and the contractor was asked to switch to virtual B2B events as long as travel restrictions are not lifted. There are several reasons why maintaining EU support made sense despite no near-term prospect of Chinese travellers. Firstly, the fact that the first event was largely oversubscribed despite COVID first wave confirm that many European companies see China as an essential source market for the EU tourism ecosystem. Secondly, these companies know that it takes a considerable amount of time to build long-haul partnerships, especially with China. Thirdly, B2B discussions in 2020 are typically revolving around services to be delivered in 2022. Finally yet importantly, matchmaking events in 2020 enable to gather information in time to adjust their portfolio and offerings to post-COVID traveller preferences.

The contractor, Aviareps, organised two virtual events in 2020, one in June and one in December. In both cases, applications from EU companies were more than twice the number of available places. There were 10 000 chats registered and 4 400 contacts exchanged, with very high satisfaction rate from participants.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The third B2B event is scheduled for June 2021 and should be virtual. The fourth B2B is scheduled for October 2021 and might be a physical event.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                            |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                                 | 15 February 2018                       |
| Publication of the first call for tenders                      | 26 February 2019                       |
| Closing date of the first call for tenders (no award decision) | 23 April 2019                          |
| Publication of the second call for tenders                     | 18 July 2019                           |
| Closing date of the second call for tenders                    | 24 September 2019                      |
| Award decision   | 27 November 2019                       |
| Signature of the contract                                      | 20 December 2019                       |
| Pre-financing payment  | 29 January 2020                        |
| Interim payment  | August 2020, March 2021, November 2021 |
| Final payment  | February 2022                          |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

Commission Financing Decision C(2018)848, adopted on 15 February 2018, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2018\)848&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2018)848&lang=en)

The project website related to the 2015 "World Bridge Tourism" pilot project is available at the following address: <https://china-outbound.com/wbt/>

The documents of the call for tenders are available on the [eTendering platform](#).

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Some activities supporting Business-to-Business Matchmaking events in China and the USA were financed under COSME (GRO-SME-16-C-076 - Internationalisation of EU tourism operators) in 2018 and early 2019.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up with a legislative proposal is envisaged as the nature of this preparatory action, specifically rolled out in the context of a one-off EU-China Tourism Year (2018), does not call for such kind of follow up. However, the type of activities prepared by the action (internationalisation and business matchmaking for EU tourism businesses) should be continued in particular in the context of internationalisation activities of the European Enterprise Network.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| World Bridge Tourism  | AVIAREPS (Germany)              | 1 800 000            |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of a service contract awarded by a call for tenders.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

European operators, i.e. mainly businesses and SMEs, but also to other entities developing or promoting tourism services and destinations, irrespective of their legal structure (private, public, mixed), in order to take into account the specificities of the tourism sector (cf. role and variable status of Destination Marketing Organizations).

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 18 04: Preparatory action — Speeding up industrial modernisation by improving support for pan-European demonstration facilities — 3D printing

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         | 0,00         | 159 804,32 | p.m.        | 160 000 | p.m.    | 239 707 | 0,0 %          | 49,8 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 159 804,32 | p.m.        | 160 000 | p.m.    | 239 707 | 0,0 %          | 49,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

In 2018, a grant was awarded to a consortium after an open call for proposals to implement the following tasks:

- support the development of a pan-European platform of existing facilities (including available infrastructure and services provided) that are used particularly by SMEs for testing, validating and eventually integrating new 3D printing solutions into their products and process;
- test and validate a number of industrial demonstration 3D printing-based projects in different application fields on this pan-European platform;
- develop a set of recommendations about how to ensure the sustainability of this platform at EU level in the future, and conduct a gap analysis of available support services for 3D printing at national level.

The project of a duration of 34 months started on 1 January 2019 and the first year of its implementation was dedicated to the start of the mapping exercise, compilation of a facility inventory, and the development and testing of the online platform.

In 2020, the beneficiary focussed on the completion of the mapping exercise and the launch of cross- regional demonstration 3D printing projects through an open call to SMEs with matching via the platform.

## Intentions for the current year 2021:

The cross-regional SME demonstration projects selected by an independent evaluation panel following the open call in 2020 will be implemented and completed during the course of the year. Revisions to the online platform matching facility will be undertaken, together with the separate analysis of the platform mapping results to feed the gap analysis report of supply and demand conditions in the additive manufacturing market.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 15 February 2018       |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 08 May 2018            |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 02 August 2018         |
| Award decision                     | 28 October 2018        |
| Prefinancing payment               | 19 December 2018       |
| Interim payments                   | March 2020, April 2021 |
| Final payment                      | February 2022          |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

Commission Financing Decision C(2018)848, adopted on 15 February 2018, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2018\)848&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2018)848&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/speeding-eu-industrial-modernisation-improving-support-pan-european-demonstration-facilities\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/speeding-eu-industrial-modernisation-improving-support-pan-european-demonstration-facilities_en)

The project website is available at the following address: <https://3dppan.eu>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Several projects in the field of additive manufacturing (including advanced 3D printing) are covered by H2020 programme.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow up is envisaged due to the nature of the preparatory action, which aims to improve access and use of 3D printing facilities by SMEs. The project will look to establish the sustainability of the platform at the end of the grant period.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|----------------|---|---------------|
| 3DP Pan EU     | Brainport Development n.v, NL,<br>IDEA Strategische Economische<br>Consulting, BE,<br>UAB Civita, LT,<br>ASTER SCPA, IT,<br>Asterion Europe Limited, UK | 799 022       |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of a grant awarded by a call for proposals.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers: European companies, particularly SMEs, and facility centres providing 3D printing services in EU countries.

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 18 05: Preparatory action — Cir©Lean: Business-enabling network for SMEs in the Union to utilise circular economy business opportunities

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 357 405 | p.m.    | 476 540 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 357 405 | p.m.    | 476 540 | 0,0 %          | 33,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objectives of the preparatory action are to:

- Establish a European network of businesses in the area of industrial symbiosis;
- Develop guidelines and methodology approach for reporting on industrial symbiosis, develop a voluntary code of conduct binding signatories to comply with the reporting principles and methodology developed;
- Establish an industry-led and operated European mechanism to manage the reporting system on the repurposing of secondary raw materials activities and of industrial symbiosis exchanges;
- Reach a critical mass of business signatories that will report on industrial symbiosis exchanges on the basis of the methodology established by CircLean;
- Setup an online assessment tool to enable businesses to assess their potential and their readiness to carry out industrial symbiosis exchanges;
- Organize open innovation business workshops for European businesses and SMEs.

The expected impact is to mobilize industry players to agree on a voluntary system and mechanism on how-to-report results on the repurposing of secondary raw materials activities and on industrial symbiosis exchanges.

The contractor carried out the following tasks in 2020:

- Establishment of contacts with stakeholders that have an interest in industrial symbiosis; these were established through on-site, direct contact or online communication;
- Development of draft guidelines and a methodology for reporting on industrial symbiosis;
- Development of a draft voluntary protocol and code of conduct for the network;
- Development of a draft set of guidelines for the establishment of the network.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Following the contract timetable, the contractor is expected to carry out the following tasks in 2021. The contractor will establish a network based upon the most interested stakeholders, as expressed in the stakeholder exchanges (minimum 50 network members). Based on the methodologies and indicators for industrial symbiosis reporting, the voluntary protocol, the code of conduct and the label award system drafts developed by the contractor, the network will review, revise, modify and finalise these documents. It will adopt processes and rules of operation for its own function to pursue its goals and in particular to manage the reporting system on the repurposing of secondary industrial outputs activities and of industrial symbiosis exchanges. The members of the network will assume the obligation to comply with the reporting standards. The network will establish a representative management board that will co-ordinate the work of the network. It will hold other meetings for the steering of the network, as necessary.

Setup of online communication tools supporting the network as follows:

- Network website;
- Online assessment tool (to enable businesses to assess their potential and their readiness to carry out industrial symbiosis exchanges);
- Match-making tool to facilitate industrial symbiosis exchanges;
- Evidence-gathering tool (with online tools facilitating the gathering of evidence contributed by businesses on industrial symbiosis on the basis of the network methodology).

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                     | <b>Date</b>                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 15 February 2018            |
| Publication of call for tender  | 21 December 2018            |
| Closing date of call for tender | 11 March 2019               |
| Award decision                  | 19 September 2019           |
| Interim payments                | February 2021, October 2021 |
| Final payment                   | October 2022                |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2018)848 final, adopted on 15 February 2018, sets out the main elements of this pilot project.

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/publications/etendering/intranet/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=3372>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up with a legislative proposal is envisaged, however, the Commission, based on the results, may consider policy actions, funding or legislative measures in the area of industrial symbiosis.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| CircLean: Business-enabling network for SMEs in the EU to utilize circular economy business opportunities | Technopolis Consulting Group<br>Belgium sprl, 188A Avenue de Tervuren, B - 1150 Brussels | 1 191 350                |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implemented this preparatory action by means of a direct contract for services.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia.



## 1. Heading

### PA 03 19 01: Preparatory action — Reducing youth unemployment — setting up co-operatives to enhance working opportunities in the Union

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 0,00         | 888 928,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 249 069 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 888 928,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 249 069 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

This preparatory action will build on the results and impact of the pilot project whose projects were implemented between April 2017 and June 2018. It will aim at largely diffusing best practices and implementing programmes schemes / modules to stimulate the creation of cooperative enterprises by young people. The Commission wants to support project that are innovative, transnational and implemented with a clear intention of replication. Projects should make results public and available for any actor interested in the cooperative business model and entrepreneurial training.

Actions scheduled could include:

- Preparing a communication campaign in targeted countries with the support of youth organisations (e.g.: webtool, social media, newspapers);
- Testing "on the ground" different entrepreneurial co-operative training programmes for students and teachers ("train the trainers") in secondary education institutions and higher education;
- Fostering the cooperative entrepreneurial mind-sets of young people outside the educational environment by preparing European promotional events/workshops/conferences in targeted countries.

The objectives of the preparatory action are to stimulate the transfer and development of competences of the cooperative entrepreneurship in countries: (1) where the cooperative tradition is weak and (2) where benefits offered by the cooperative model are not sufficiently

well known and struggling with high youth unemployment. The expected result is the development of cooperative entrepreneurship and training schemes for young people.

In order to implement this initiative, a call for proposals was launched on 2 April 2019. Given the high number of registered proposals (30), external evaluators have been hired to assist the Commission in the evaluation stage. The 30 proposals have been evaluated in June – July 2019 and the Evaluation committee has recommended awarding seven grants. These seven projects started on 1 March 2020 for a duration of 18 months. In November 2020, interim assessments have been performed and according to the information provided by the coordinators, the projects are progressing well despite the pandemic.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The intention is the final assessment of the implementation of the seven projects, whose final reports should be submitted by the end of October 2021 at the latest. Consortia partners will also be invited to join digitally the Conference on Social Economy in Mannheim (2021) that could help them to network and diffuse their first results.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 5 March 2019     |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 2 April 2019     |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 25 June 2019     |
| Award decision                     | 18 November 2019 |
| Prefinancing payment               | March 2020       |
| Final payment                      | February 2022    |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

##### **– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1646, adopted on 5 March 2019, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)1646&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)1646&lang=en)

Text of the call for proposals is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/reducing-youth-unemployment-setting-co-operatives-enhance-working-opportunities-eu\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/reducing-youth-unemployment-setting-co-operatives-enhance-working-opportunities-eu_en)

##### **– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Some activities promoting Social Business Initiative were financed by the programme COSME (2014-2020).

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

The Commission is currently preparing an Action Plan for the Social Economy, which should be released in November 2021. In the frame of the preparation, the Commission is currently evaluating the possibility to have a follow up action on worker buy out to increase the exchange of best practices, as well as the visibility of such scheme that is not well known in Europe. However, there would be no legislative proposal due to the subsidiarity principle; the Commission will only invite the Member States to reflect on this possibility and prepare actions at national / regional level if needed to boost worker buy out.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>     | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>COOPower</b>           | British Council (Coordinator)<br><br>General Secretariat For Lifelong Learning & Youth, Step Ri Znanstveno - Tehnologijski Park Sveucilista U Rijeci, Druzba Zomejeno & Odgovornostjo Za Inovacije Transfer Tehnologije  | 215 000                  |
| <b>YOUCooper<br/>ATE</b>  | Asociatia Centrul Roman De Politici Europene (Coordinator)<br><br>Civitas Foundation For Civil Society - Cluj-Napoca Branch, Nemzeti Agrarkutatasi Es Innovacios Kozpont, Zemnieku Saeima, Irecoop Emilia Romagna Soc. Coop. & National Union Of Small Family Farmers And Producers.   | 214 980                  |
| <b>YOUCOOPE</b>           | Universidad de Cantabria para el Estudio y la Investigación del Sector Financiero (Coordinator)<br><br>Euricse, Ciudad Industrial Del Valle Del Nalon Sa, Federazione Trentina Della Cooperazione, Co-Operative College Trust, Bantani Education, Fundación Escuela Andaluza De Economía Social, Awel Aman Tawe & Università Degli Studi Di Trento | 214 959                  |
| <b>SCoopConSS</b>         | European Grants International Academy Srl (Coordinator)<br><br>Acapo Società Cooperativa Sociale Integrata, Apsu - Associacao Portuguesa De Startups, Anaptixiako Kentro Thessalias, Camara De Comercio E Industria Italiana Para Espana & Centar Tehnicke Kulture Rijeka  | 214 122                  |
| <b>Train-CE-<br/>Food</b> | Znanstveno-Raziskovalno Zdruzenje Za Umetnost, Kulturne In Izobrazevalne Programe In Tehnologijo Epeka (Coordinator)<br><br>Socialno Podjetje, Srednja Sola Za Gostinstvo In Turizem   | 197 906                  |

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|---------------------------|--|---------|
|                           | Maribor, Sveuciliste Josipa Jurja Strossmayera U Osijeku, Fakultet Agrobiotehnickih Znanosti Osijek, A.B. Institute of Entrepreneurship Development Ltd, Paragon Limited, Mednarodni Institut Za Implementacijo Trajnostnega Razvoja, Maribor, Strateco Og & Asociación Cultural Y Medioambiental Permacultura Cantabria   |         |
| <b>Cooperative Campus</b> | Asociación De Empresas De Economía Social De Navarra (Coordinator)<br>Lapin Ammattikorkeakoulu Oy, Mestna Obcina Nova Gorica & Coompanion Örebro   | 214 220 |
| <b>Coopcamp</b>           | Réseau Européen Des Villes et Régions de l'Economie Sociale (Coordinator)<br>Consorzio Agora Societa Cooperativasociale, Concertation Des Organisations Représentatives De L'Économie Sociale, Coompanion Östergötland Ekonomisk Förening, Coompanion Kooperativ Utveckling Jämtlands Län, Coompanion Göteborg Ek. För., Fundacja Inicjatyw Spoeczno-Ekonomicznych , Lega Delle Coeprative Del Fvg , Unión De Cooperativas De Enseñanza De La Región De Murcia, Unión De Cooperativas De Trabajo Asociado De La Región De Murcia, Parsec Cooperativa Sociale, Universita Degli Studi Di Roma Tor Vergata, Sol.Co. Camunia - Solidarieta' E Cooperazione - Societa' Cooperativa Sociale Consortile – Onlus & Confcooperative Unione Interprovinciale Di Belluno E Treviso | 214 701 |
| <b>Evaluators</b>         | To assist the Commission in the evaluation of the proposals  | 50 000  |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of seven grants awarded by a call for proposals. External evaluators have been selected through Expert Management database to assist the Commission in assessing.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Non-for profit organisations (associations / federations of enterprises from social economy, associations representing young people interests, etc.).

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 20 01: Preparatory action — Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Global / Achieve Leadership in Entrepreneurship and Cooperation Opportunities

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 2 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 540 000 | p.m.    | 937 324 | 0,0 %          | -39,1 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 2 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 540 000 | p.m.    | 937 324 | 0,0 %          | -39,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

This preparatory action is a follow-up to the pilot project - Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Global / Achieve Leadership in Entrepreneurship and Cooperation Opportunities (ALECO), started in March 2018 and ending in March 2021. The overall objective of this action is to support new or aspiring European entrepreneurs in the crucial phase of establishing, running and growing their business by working together with an experienced entrepreneur from a country outside the Europe. It represents a geographical extension of the 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs' programme. The action will foster exchange of entrepreneurs from EU countries to these countries and territories outside Europe: Canada (Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia), Israel, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the USA (New York State, California). The action will last 36 months, from March 2021 to March 2024.

The call for proposals was published on 8 July 2020 and closed on 23 September 2020. The Evaluation Committee selected three consortia, involving eight beneficiaries, which will recruit host entrepreneurs in the destination countries and manage their successful exchanges with about 300 entrepreneurs from the European Union.

In the meantime, the use of Commission framework contract (COMM/2019/OP/0029 – Lot 2) was approved for the related online promotional campaign on 15 December 2020.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The individual commitments for the grant agreements of the implementing consortia and for the specific contract with the contractor of the promotional campaign are planned for approval in February 2021.

The preparatory action will start on 14 March 2021 and the promotional campaign on 1 September 2021 – prefinancing payments planned respectively for March 2021 and September 2021.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations – Call for proposals for implementing consortia

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>       |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 14 April 2020     |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 8 July 2020       |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 23 September 2020 |
| Award decision                     | 4 December 2020   |
| Prefinancing payment               | March 2021        |
| Interim payment                    | September 2022    |
| Final payment                      | May 2024          |

– 2020 commitment appropriations – Framework contract for promotional campaign

| <b>Step</b>                                       | <b>Date</b>      |
|---|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                    | 14 April 2020    |
| Approval of use of framework contract             | 15 December 2020 |
| Approval of specific contract from the contractor | 12 January 2021  |
| Prefinancing payment                              | September 2021   |
| Final payment                                     | October 2022     |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission financing decision C(2020)2083, adopted on 14 April 2020, sets out the main elements for the implementation of the preparatory action. It can be requested at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2083&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2083&lang=en)

The project website is available at the following address:

<http://eyeglobal.eu/>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged for this preparatory action prior to its evaluation.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations – Call for proposals for implementing consortia

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Global EYE            | 1. Unternehmertum Gmbh<br>2. Fundacja Uniwersytetu Im Adama Mickiewicza W Poznaniu   | 664 979,47               |
| EYE Global            | 1. European Business And Innovation Centre Network Aisbl<br>2. Sociedade Portuguesa De Inovacao Consultadoria Empresarial E Fomento Da Inovacao Sa<br>3. Agenzia Italiana Per L'internazionalizzazione - Promos Italia Srl | 665 000                  |
| EYE2Global            | 1. Italienische Handelskammer Fur Deutschland<br>2. Unione Regionale Delle Camere Di Commercio Industria, Artigianato E Agricoltura Del Veneto<br>3. Chambre De Commerce Belgo-Italienne Aisbl                             | 664 485,88               |

– 2020 commitment appropriations – Framework contract for promotional campaign

| <b>Title / Action</b>                    | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                         | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| EYE Global – online promotional campaign | 1. European Service Network Sa<br>2. Ecorys Europe Eeig | 199 340                  |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of action grants and framework contract.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, media companies. More specifically: Business support organizations, industry federations, universities, business consultancy (for the promotional campaign).

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 20 02: Preparatory action — Independent on-road real driving emissions (RDE) testing to ensure broad information and transparency for better market surveillance

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 999 681,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 399 872 | 0,0 %          | -20,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 999 681,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 500 000 | p.m.    | 399 872 | 0,0 %          | -20,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

This preparatory action is a follow-up of the pilot projects of 2018 and 2019. The focus of the work is on lifetime compliance that can be assessed by testing vehicles which are outside the parameters currently regulated by either in-service conformity or market surveillance, i.e. vehicles more than five years old or which have been driven for more than 100 000 km. Such testing will provide extremely useful information on the quality of current emission control systems and will help in providing necessary information for the development of the new legislative proposal on emissions (EURO 7). The testing should include real driving emissions (RDE) tests and laboratory tests on older vehicles, as well as measurement of all possible pollutants, including those not currently regulated.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Major part of testing described above should be executed in 2021.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|



| Step   | Date                    |
|--|-------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 14 April 2020           |
| Re-opening of competition under a framework contract | 20 May 2020             |
| Closing date of call                                 | 26 June 2020            |
| Award decision                                       | 22 September 2020       |
| Interim payments                                     | April 2021, August 2021 |
| Final payment  | February 2022           |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2083 final, adopted on 14 April 2020, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It can be requested at the following address:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)2083&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)2083&lang=en)

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

Two other pilot projects on RDE, including Portable Emission Measurement Systems (PEMS) tests performed outside RDE conditions.

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?

Yes, the Commission intends to use the results of the projects in the definition of new tests and procedures to be used in its proposal for new emission limits (EURO 7) foreseen by the EU Green Deal in 2021.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Preparatory Action - Independent on-road real driving emissions (RDE) testing to ensure broad information and transparency for better market surveillance | CLOVE consortium         | 999 681       |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this project through a framework contract on emissions.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia.

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 20 04: Preparatory action — EU Tax and Financial Crimes Observatory — Capacity building to support Union policymaking in the area of taxation

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |            |             |           |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 200 000,00 | 300 000,00 | 1 200 000   | 1 200 000 | p.m.    | 900 000 | -100,0 %       | -25,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 200 000,00 | 300 000,00 | 1 200 000   | 1 200 000 | p.m.    | 900 000 | -100,0 %       | -25,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The contract was signed in December 2020.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The objective of this action is to create a specialised and independent observatory on EU tax matters, the EU Tax Observatory.

More specifically, the intention is to:

- Create a publicly available repository of data on tax evasion, tax avoidance and aggressive tax planning in the EU and the effects of policy reform in these domains;
- Disseminate the available data in a user-friendly manner and inform the wider public of issues related to tax fairness, including related issues like anti-money laundering rules, for business and individual taxpayers and the wider public;
- Ensure secretarial and management functions for a future multi-stakeholder expert forum (to be created); amongst other, the forum would be in charge of data validation and methodological guidance in the area of taxation;
- Based on the work of the forum, produce evidence and recommendations related to fighting tax evasion, tax avoidance and aggressive tax planning;
- Provide policymakers with robust and diversified expertise;

- Liaise with different international organisations and national administrations on issues related to EU tax and anti-money laundering policymaking (i.e. anti-money laundering legislation is necessary to counter tax evasion).

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | 16 June 2020           |
| Publication of call for proposals  | 2 July 2020            |
| Closing date of call for proposals | 2 October 2020         |
| Award decision                     | 18 November 2020       |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | 17 December 2020       |
| Final payment                      | Second quarter of 2022 |

- 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | July 2021              |
| Publication of call for proposals  | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Closing date of call for proposals | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Award decision                     | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | First quarter of 2022  |
| Final payment                      | Third quarter of 2023  |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 3899, adopted on 16 June 2020, sets out the main elements of this pilot project. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)3899&lang=EN](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)3899&lang=EN)

Call documents (TAXUD/2020/CFP-01: Preparatory action – EU Tax Observatory | Taxation and Customs Union) are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/calls-tenders-grants-calls-expression-interest/TAXUD/2020/CFP-01-eu-tax-observatory\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/calls-tenders-grants-calls-expression-interest/TAXUD/2020/CFP-01-eu-tax-observatory_en)

The Commission 2021 Financing Decision, expected in July 2021, will set out the main elements of the implementation in 2021.

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to follow up this preparatory action once it ends; however, at the moment it is still at a very preliminary stage, in particular since the work of the Tax Observatory has started only recently.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Creation of the public data repository  | TAX IDEAS consortium            | 1 200 000            |
| Research papers (between one and five)  | TAX IDEAS consortium            |                      |
| Organisation of interactive public events (three to four) and one thematic workshop | TAX IDEAS consortium            |                      |
| One digital brochure  | TAX IDEAS consortium            |                      |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of a call for proposals (grant agreement).

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia, media companies, foundations.

## 1. Heading

### PA 03 20 05: Preparatory action — Assessing alleged differences in the quality of products sold on the internal market

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 900 000,00   | 0,00 | 900 000     | 495 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | -9,1 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 900 000,00   | 0,00 | 900 000     | 495 000 | p.m.    | 450 000 | -100,0 %       | -9,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                                |
|---------------------|-----|---|
| DA                  | NO  | 1 - Single Market, Innovation and Digital |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The project aims to contribute to an efficient implementation of EU legislation protecting consumers against misleading practices in relation to the marketing of products as being identical when they have different composition or characteristics. This relates in particular to the current rules of the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive<sup>15</sup> and the rules to be transposed under Article 3(3) of Directive (EU) 2019/2161 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>16</sup>, which amends the former Directive. For this purpose, it builds on the results and lessons learnt from all previous initiatives the Commission implemented or is currently implementing in the area of 'dual quality'<sup>17</sup>. It will study the feasibility of:

<sup>15</sup> Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive') (OJ L 149, 11.6.2005, p. 22).

<sup>16</sup> Directive (EU) 2019/2161 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directives 98/6/EC, 2005/29/EC and 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the better enforcement and modernisation of Union consumer protection rules (OJ L 328, 18.12.2019, p. 7).

<sup>17</sup> In particular, the [common testing methodology](#) developed by the Commission's Joint Research Centre in the area of food and its implementation in an [EU-wide testing campaign](#) and the European Parliament Pilot

- extending the harmonised methodology developed by the Commission’s Joint Research Centre to assess quality related characteristics of foods<sup>18</sup> to other non-food markets and especially detergents and cleaning products under the Detergents Regulation<sup>19</sup> and cosmetic products under the Cosmetics Regulation<sup>20</sup>;
- establishing a monitoring system to allow Member States, NGOs or private bodies to collect and share data on the composition of certain goods in order to perform comparisons of composition and front-of-pack information across countries.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Launch of the project with the objectives indicated above.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step  | Date                   |
|---|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                      | August 2020            |
| Signature of Administrative Arrangement with DG JRC | January 2021           |
| Launch of the project                               | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Project expected duration                           | 18 months              |

- 2021 commitment appropriations

As announced by the Commission in its executability letter, appropriations for the second year of this preparatory action were transferred to budget line 03 02 04 01 “Ensuring high level of consumer protection and product safety”.

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**- Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision, adopted on 25 August 2020 sets out the main elements of the implementation.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

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Projects (e.g. “[Limiting dual quality and strengthening consumer organisations in the EU](#)”) which the Commission is currently implementing.

<sup>18</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/knowledge4policy/sites/know4pol/files/eu\\_harmonised\\_testing\\_methodology\\_-\\_framework\\_for\\_selecting\\_and\\_testing\\_of\\_food\\_products\\_to\\_assess\\_quality\\_related\\_characteristics\\_0.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/knowledge4policy/sites/know4pol/files/eu_harmonised_testing_methodology_-_framework_for_selecting_and_testing_of_food_products_to_assess_quality_related_characteristics_0.pdf).

<sup>19</sup> Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents, OJ L 104, 8 April 2004, p 1-35.

<sup>20</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on cosmetic products, OJ L 342, 22 December 2009, p. 59-209.

No follow up is envisaged as the relevant EU legislation (i.e. the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD)) has recently been amended to clarify its application to “dual quality” cases (i.e. Directive (EU) 2019/2161 as regards better enforcement and modernisation of Union consumer protection rules). Member States will have to transpose the new rules, which will be applicable as of 28 May 2022, by 28 November 2021. By examining the feasibility of extending the common testing methodology and of establishing a monitoring system as indicated above (see objectives), this project will help Member States, NGOs and private entities, including the industry, to implement and comply with the updated UCPD rule on “dual quality”.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

| <b>Title / Action</b>      | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Administrative Arrangement | Joint Research Centre           | 900 000              |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of procurement, i.e. by Administrative Arrangement with the JRC.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

EU body.

## 1. Heading

### PA 05 20 01: Preparatory action — The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities spin-off

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |      |         |         |                |       |
| Line    | 1 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 240 000 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |      |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 1 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 240 000 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

Following implementation plans, the application was sent by the beneficiary in autumn 2020. Processing is underway and the contract should be signed in March 2021.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

- Launch of the project
- Forum of youth organizations
- Summer School
- Event on Cultural and Creative Industries

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                                 | Date  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Adoption of financing decision       | July 2020   |
| Call for proposals / call for tender | Art.195 (f) financial regulation – no call for proposal |
| Award decision                       | March 2021  |



| Step                             | Date           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Prefinancing or interim payments | March 2021     |
| Final payment                    | September 2023 |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)4515 final, adopted on 08 July 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/financing-decisions/](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/financing-decisions/)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

The PA will support the revision of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, including its Communication (COM(2014) 357 final) and Action Plan (SWD(2014) 191 final). The Macro regional strategies are intergovernmental cooperation frameworks requested by the Council, adopted by the Commission and endorsed by the European Council.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

*Since 2020 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known*

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by a direct grant.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

International organisation/networks

## 1. Heading

**PA 05 20 02: Preparatory action — The European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): generation and preparation of initiatives and projects supporting multilevel governance and partnerships with added value for the region**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 900 000,00   | 159 999,24 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 215 560 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 900 000,00   | 159 999,24 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 215 560 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

- Activities implemented: EUSAIR Annual Forum under the Serbian Presidency;
- Deliverables submitted: online event – EUSAIR Annual Forum;
- Meetings held: 28-29 January.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

- EUSAIR Annual Forum 2021 under Slovenian Presidency;
- Launch of the support to North Macedonia participation in the EUSAIR;
- Finalization of the study on the “EUSAIR facilitating the enlargement process”;
- Launch of a study on the “EUSAIR bringing the Green Deal to the region”.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations (EUSAIR Annual Forum Serbia)

| Step                           | Date   |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision | July 2020                                      |
| Call for proposals             | Art.195 (f) financial regulation – no call for |

| Step                             | Date         |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
|                                  | proposal     |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | January 2021 |
| Final payment                    | March 2021   |

– 2020 commitment appropriations (EUSAIR Facilitating the enlargement process)

| Step   | Date           |
|--|----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | July 2020      |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | August 2020    |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2020 |
| Award decision                                       | November 2020  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | February 2021  |
| Final payment  | May 2021       |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)4513 final, adopted on 8 July 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/financing-decisions/](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/funding-opportunities/financing-decisions/)

Information regarding the EUSAIR Annual Forum on 27-28 January 2021 is available at the following address: <https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/event/5th-eusair-annual-forum/>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

The PA will support the revision of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, including its Communication (COM(2014)357 final) and Action Plan (SWD(2014)191 final). The Macro regional strategies are intergovernmental cooperation frameworks requested by the Council, adopted by the Commission and endorsed by the European Council.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action        | Beneficiary / Contractor         | EUR (maximum) |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| V EUSAIR Annual Forum | Ministry of European Integration | 109 033       |

|  |   |        |
|--|---|--------|
| EUSAIR facilitating the enlargement process of the Western Balkans | OBC Transeuropa (OBCT) – Centro per la Cooperazione Internazionale / Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa | 48 600 |
|--|---|--------|

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| VI EUSAIR Annual Forum                                 | Public agency for entrepreneurship and developing project of Municipality of Izola | 199 999.05           |
| Support to North Macedonia participation in the EUSAIR | Secretariat European Affairs – North Macedonia                                     | 350 000              |
| EUSAIR bringing the Green Deal to the region           | tbd  | 88 000               |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of grants and tenders.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public service providers, public administrations, research institutes / academia, media companies.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 17 01: Preparatory action — Child Guarantee Scheme / Establishing A European child guarantee and financial support

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |              |             |           |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 0,00         | 8 099 341,87 | p.m.        | 5 000 000 | p.m.    | 750 000 | 0,0 %          | -85,0 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 8 099 341,87 | p.m.        | 5 000 000 | p.m.    | 750 000 | 0,0 %          | -85,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2017, 2018 and 2019 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The first phase of the preparatory action consisted of a feasibility study on four groups of vulnerable children (children in institutions, children with disabilities, children with a migrant background, children living in precarious family situations). The second phase was a policy and financial impact study on the economic implementing framework of a possible EU child guarantee scheme for all children at risk of poverty in the EU. The third phase consists of a number of projects attempting to put into practice the results of previous two phases in order to test whether such a scheme could be made operational on the ground in a cost-effective way and provide a new approach to reducing child social exclusion in the EU in a sustainable way.

### Activities implemented in 2020 and until March 2021:

Implementation of preparatory action for a Child Guarantee – Phase I:

- The conference marking the completion of the first phase of the preparatory action was held in Brussels on 17 February 2020 (in-person).

- The first phase of the preparatory action was successfully completed in April 2020. The project deliverables are published on the Europa website (see link below in the documentation section).

Implementation of preparatory action for a Child Guarantee – Phase II: Phase II studies the financial implementation frame for a Child Guarantee, looking in particular at the financial cost and benefits of an extrapolation of the Child Guarantee Scheme to all children in the EU. The project ran until March 2021. The contractor has successfully delivered:

- An Inception Report (June 2020)
- An intermediate Report (December 2020)
- Draft final report (February 2021)
- Final report (March 2021)

Several meetings were held with the contractor to discuss the progress of the project, including a kick-off meeting (March 2020), on-line intermediate meeting (October 2020), and a final on-line seminar presenting the outcomes of the project (11 February 2021).

Implementation of preparatory action for a Child Guarantee – Phase III: Phase III of the action will test and operationalise the findings of phases I and II by implementing concrete projects in four Member States (BG, EL, HR, IT) and by supporting the development of national action plans in these four Member States, as well as three additional countries (DE, ES, LT). The goal is to test the potential of a Child Guarantee in the EU. The implementation is done through a direct grant to UNICEF, which is an international organisation focused on fighting child poverty. Projects have started in the summer of 2020 and will last for two years.

Meetings organised:

- Kick-off meeting on 12 November 2020, online, with the participation of participation of Commissioner Nicolas Schmit and the Social Affairs Ministers from six Member States (BG, HR, EL, IT, ES and LT);
- Technical Debrief by UNICEF on 30 November 2020;
- First meeting of the Steering Committee.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Completion of Phase II:

- An online conference with stakeholders discussing the findings took place on the 11th February;
- Reception of the final report and its publication in March 2021.

Continuation of Phase III:

- Report from meta-analysis (to help understand the broad context and policies for addressing child poverty and social exclusion across the EU; the enabling/hindering factors to be explored) to be delivered by end of June;
- Report from “deep dive” analysis;
- Framework for defining child poverty reduction priorities;
- Development of national child poverty action plans in seven Member States;
- Implementation of pilot projects on the ground in four Member States.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2017 commitment appropriations for the first phase: Feasibility Study

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>              |
|--|--------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 16 August 2017           |
| Publication of call for tender   | 21 March 2018            |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 30 April 2018            |
| Award decision   | 30 August 2018           |
| Interim payments   | March 2019, October 2019 |
| Final payment  | May 2020                 |
| For the logistic part, specific contracts under existing framework contracts have been signed in 2018. |                          |

– 2018 commitment appropriations for the second phase: Extrapolation Study

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                           |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 28 March 2018                         |
| Publication of call for tender   | 9 August 2019                         |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 20 September 2019 (no receivable bid) |
| Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice  | October 2019                          |
| Award decision   | 4 December 2019                       |
| Interim payments   | December 2020                         |
| Final payment  | April 2021                            |
| For the logistic part, specific contracts under existing framework contracts have been signed in 2019. |                                       |

– 2019 commitment appropriations for the third phase: Local Pilot Actions project

| <b>Step</b>                    | <b>Date</b>               |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 10 July 2019              |
| Award decision of direct grant | 24 July 2020              |
| Prefinancing payments          | August 2020, October 2021 |
| Final payment                  | September 2022            |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

For 2017 appropriations: Commission Decision C(2017)5615 of 16 August 2017 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the preparatory action.

For 2018 appropriations: Commission Decision C(2018)1852 of 28 March 2018 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the preparatory action.

For 2019 appropriations: Commission Decision C(2019)5088 of 10 July 2019 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the preparatory action.

The studies issued under the Child Guarantee preparatory action are made available on the Europa website: <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1428&langId=en>

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No, but more generally the rights of children are covered by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was ratified by all Member States.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Recommendation on a European Child Guarantee on 24 March 2021. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/rights-child/eu-strategy-rights-child-and-european-child-guarantee\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/rights-child/eu-strategy-rights-child-and-european-child-guarantee_en)

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2017 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor       | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Study on the Feasibility of a Child Guarantee for vulnerable children (Contract VC/2018/111)   | Consortium led by APPLICA SPRL | 956 112       |
| Logistics for accompanying 4 workshops in 4 Member States (Romania, Italy, Sweden, Latvia):<br><br>Specific contracts under Framework contracts for services to organise meetings, conferences and other events (Lot 1): VC/2018/0686, VC/2018/0699, VC/2018/702, VC/2018/707, VC/2018/747, VC/2018/752, VC/2018/756 and VC/2018/760 | DESTREE and TRAVEX             | 774 010,70    |

– 2018 commitment appropriations



| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>         | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Study Extrapolating the Child Guarantee to all children in the EU   | Consortium led by LISER from Luxembourg | 599 852                  |
| Logistics for the closing conference: Specific contracts under Framework contracts for services to organise meetings, conferences and other events (Lot 1): VC/2019/0675 and VC/2019/0673 | DESTREE and TRAVEX                      | 168 725                  |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Local pilot projects to test the Child Guarantee Scheme across the EU | Direct grant to UNICEF          | 15 000 000               |

### *5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implemented both first and second phases of the preparatory action by means of calls for tenders. The Commission implements the third phase of the preparatory action via a direct grant to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), which is an international organisation commanding a high degree of specialisation and technical competence in the area covered by the proposed action. It has the required operational capacity on the ground throughout the EU.

### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

EU level NGOs, research institutes / academia, for profit consultants, international organisations and logistic providers.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 18 01: Preparatory action — DiscoverEU: Free travel pass for Europeans turning 18

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn  |              | 2021 Budget |            | 2022 DB |            | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------|------------|----------------|--------|
| Line    | 25 000 000,00 | 9 171 273,77 | p.m.        | 12 799 967 | p.m.    | 14 890 197 | 0,0 %          | 16,3 % |
| Reserve |               |              |             |            |         |            | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 25 000 000,00 | 9 171 273,77 | p.m.        | 12 799 967 | p.m.    | 14 890 197 | 0,0 %          | 16,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018, 2019 and 2020 budgets. The project seeks to provide young Europeans aged 18 years old a travel experience that would promote the discovery of Europe's cultural heritage and diversity, better connect them with their European identity, and raise awareness of the European Union's core values. The objectives of DiscoverEU are three-fold:

- Foster the young people's sense of belonging to the European Union by encouraging the discovery of Europe: its people, its cultures and its heritage and as by encouraging connections and intercultural dialogue between them;
- Equip young people with knowledge, life skills and competences of value to them;
- Encourage young people to embrace sustainable travel.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

Providing travelling and mobility opportunities around Europe for young people turning 18 has an educational and cultural value, and is consistent with the EU policy framework for young people outlined in the 2016 Commission Communication "Investing in Europe's youth" as well as with the "EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027". "DiscoverEU: free travel pass for Europeans turning 18" was adopted for the first time as a Preparatory Action in 2018 with a budget of EUR 12 million. The action specifically targets 18 years old, as this age generally marks a major step to adulthood and to European citizenship. More than 100 000 young people applied for the 15 000 travel passes available under the first application round in June 2018. A second application round was organised in November 2018 and almost 80 000 young

people applied for around 14 500 travel passes available. During the third and fourth application rounds organized in May and November 2019 respectively a total of almost 170 000 applicants were awarded 40 000 travel passes. The 20 000 travellers awarded in May 2019 have already travelled, while the 20 000 travellers awarded in November 2020 have received an extension of the travelling period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The two application rounds planned in 2020 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The implementation of "Discover EU" also leveraged the experience and lessons learnt during Move2Learn, Learn2Move. This one off initiative carried out under Erasmus+ gave the opportunity to around 3000 pupils of 16 years, who had been involved in an eTwinning project, to travel to at least one other EU country to increase their European consciousness and identity.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The two application rounds foreseen for 2020, in which 60 000 travel passes should have been awarded have been cancelled. A Global Commitment of EUR 23 217 549.06 was made in 2020 to ensure that these travel passes will be distributed during a single application round foreseen in autumn 2021 (exact dates to be confirmed), if permitted by the evolution of the pandemic. Further actions are taken (in the form of amendments to current specific contracts) to ensure travellers who were awarded a travel pass and were not able to travel during 2020, will be able to do so as soon as travelling is once again possible in Europe.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>   | <b>Date</b>                           |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | March 2018                            |
| Signature of contract for the DiscoverEU communications activities                | April 2018                            |
| Signature of contracts for the travel bookings for the June application round     | May 2018 – June 2018                  |
| Award decision for the 2018 June application round                                | June 2018                             |
| Launch for a new FWC competition for the travel bookings                          | November 2018                         |
| Signature of contracts for the travel bookings for the November application round | November 2018 – December 2018         |
| Signature of contract for the DiscoverEU communications activities                | November 2018                         |
| Award Decision on the 2018 November Application round                             | December 2018                         |
| Pre-financing payments  | April 2018 – June 2018 – January 2019 |
| Interim payment(s)  | October 2018                          |
| Final payments  | October 2018 – April 2019 – May 2019  |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>   | <b>Date</b>   |
|---|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | March 2019    |
| Signature of the new FWC for travel bookings  | April 2019    |
| Signature of contract for additional communications services  | April 2019    |
| Signature of specific contract under the new FWC for travel bookings for the May application round      | May 2019      |
| Award decision for the 2019 May application round   | June 2019     |
| Interim payment 1 May application round   | October 2019  |
| Interim payment 2 May application round   | October 2019  |
| Award decision on the 2019 November application round   | December 2019 |
| Signature of specific contract under the new FWC for travel bookings for the November application round | December 2019 |
| Signature of contract for the continuation of the DiscoverEU communications activities                  | December 2019 |
| Interim payment 1 2019 November application round   | April 2020    |
| Interim payment 2 2019 November application round   | April 2020    |
| Interim payment 3 2019 November application round   | July 2020     |
| Interim payment 4 2019 November application round   | August 2020   |
| Interim payment 5 2019 November application round   | July 2021     |
| Final payment May application round   | December 2020 |
| Final payment November application round  | March 2022    |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>   | <b>Date</b>   |
|---|---|
| Adoption of financing decision  | March 2020  |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender   | N/A: An open call for tenders was launched in 2019, resulting in the signature of a framework contract, which remains valid for 2020. |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender  |   |
| Award decision  |   |
| Award decision for the October 2020 application round   | Cancelled   |
| Signature of specific contract under the new FWC for travel bookings for the October application round                                      | Cancelled   |
| Signature of an amendment for the continuation of the DiscoverEU communications activities  | December 2020   |
| Signature of an amendment to further extend the duration of the contract providing the travel passes awarded in the November round in 2019. | June 2020   |
| Signature of a specific contract to further extend the support of travellers awarded a travel pass following the November round in 2019.    | December 2020   |
| Final payments  | 2021-2022   |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2018)1187 adopted on 01 March 2018 sets out the main elements of the implementation of the preparatory action. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/c-2018-1187\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/c-2018-1187_en.pdf)

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019)1819 adopted on 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of the implementation of the preparatory action for 2019. It is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

The project website is available at the following address:

[https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, DiscoverEU is now included as an action under the 2021-2027 Erasmus + programme.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary /Contractor</b>               | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| Organisation in charge of the purchase of the travel passes                      | MCI Benelux SA                               | 10 496<br>428.26         |
| Organisation in charge of promotion, communication and experience sharing        | ICF Mostra (currently called ICF Next)       | 1 295<br>166.75          |
| Organisation of travel and accommodation for the DiscoverEU Stakeholders Meeting | American Express Corporate Travel            | 31 422.75                |
| IT development and maintenance of the application system                         | EURORA, XPE Group, EURORA<br>NOVA, Exxel4EUB | 172 153.82               |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>       | <b>Beneficiary /Contractor</b>                    | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Purchasing of travel passes | Consortium of MCI Benelux SA and<br>Eurail.com BV | 14 005 000               |

|  |                                   |           |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Promotion, communication, stakeholder engagement | ICF Next, IGEP, AMEX              | 1 816 945 |
| IT development and maintenance                   | XPE Group, EURORA NOVA, Exxel4EUB | 177 243   |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                      | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Purchasing of travel passes                                | Consortium of MCI Benelux SA and Eurail.com BV | 23 217 549           |
| Support to extend services for previous awarded travellers | Consortium of MCI Benelux SA and Eurail.com BV | 700 210              |
| Promotion, communication, stakeholder engagement           | ICF Next                                       | 633 442              |
| IT development and maintenance                             | XPE Group, EURORA NOVA, Exxel4EUB              | 342 598              |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of public procurement procedures:

- Existing Framework Contract for the organisation, booking and delivery of large-scale travel trips of participants, particularly those under each application round of DiscoverEU;
- Existing Framework Contracts to run the communication campaign, develop promotion activities, set up creative and participative ways for the young people to share their experiences, as well as develop and maintain a user’s-friendly online system for young people to apply for the travel passes.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Direct beneficiaries are service contractors in the field of travel arrangements and communication, promotion and supporting activities. Indirect beneficiaries are European citizens aged 18 at the time of application (they will be receiving the tickets for travelling).

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 18 02: Preparatory action — Exchanges and mobility in sport

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |              |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 2 050 105,39 | p.m.        | 992 798 | p.m.    | 707 794 | 0,0 %          | -28,7 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 2 050 105,39 | p.m.        | 992 798 | p.m.    | 707 794 | 0,0 %          | -28,7 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018, 2019 and 2020 budgets.

This preparatory action aims to contribute to the efforts of sport organisations by supporting the learning mobility of their staff. Exchanges of people, ideas and good practices can be beneficial for the individuals, for their organisations and for sport as a whole. There is a strong demand for learning mobility, which is not yet covered by the sport chapter of the Erasmus+. In this context, learning mobility should be understood as occurring when individuals move to a country other than their country of residence in order to undertake training or other learning modalities, including traineeships, non-formal learning, teaching, and participating in transnational professional development activities. The objective of such experiences is to allow individuals to acquire new skills that will strengthen their future employability as well as their personal development. The general objective of this action is to give staff of sport organisations the opportunity to improve their competences as well as qualifications and acquire new skills through learning mobility by spending a period of time in a foreign country (in and outside of the EU).

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of the project is to give the opportunity to sport staff to improve their qualifications and acquire new skills through spending a period in a foreign country (in and outside the EU). Opportunities for learning mobility in this context is addressed to 'staff and volunteers - linked to both, professional sport and not-for-profit sports organisations. Such initiative (in both phases) could be based on the following actions: exchanges, placements, periods of study, job-shadowing or developing international cooperation in the field of

mobility and education in sport. The expected outcomes include regular exchange scheme for sport 'staff' as well as the establishment of European networks of coaches and sport 'staff' and in the second phase of dual careers service providers. In 2018, 7 projects were selected. The total budget for this call for proposals was EUR 1.2 million. In 2019, 10 projects were selected. The total budget for this call for proposals was EUR 1.5 million. In 2020, 10 projects were selected. The total budget for this call for proposals was EUR 1.5 million.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

In 2021, the ongoing projects will continue with their foreseen activities, namely exchanges, placements, periods of study or job-shadowing aiming to develop international cooperation in the field of mobility and education in sport. Activities are constantly adapted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Indeed, many projects are developing blended mobilities and are organising virtual job shadowing and exchanges of good practices. The preparatory action was limited to three years and will not be repeated in 2021. The 27 projects selected over three years will be useful to accompany the opening of the sport part of the Erasmus+ programme (2021-2027) to mobility opportunities and enhanced international cooperation. The action and follow-up of the successful projects seek to have an impact in two major fields: Improving the knowledge and know-how of sport staff and developing international cooperation in the field of learning mobility in sport. The expected results include a regular exchange scheme for sport staff and the establishment of European networks of coaches and sport staff.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2018   |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2018   |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2018  |
| Award decision                                       | November 2018  |
| Prefinancing   | January 2019   |
| Interim payments                                     | March 2020   |
| Final payment  | August 2021 - February 2022 depending on the projects duration |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                       | <b>Date</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Adoption of financing decision    | March 2019  |
| Publication of call for proposals | 28 May 2019 |



| Step                               | Date   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Closing date of call for proposals | 11 July 2019   |
| Award decision                     | October 2019   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | January 2020   |
| Final payment                      | February 2022 - August 2022 depending on the projects duration |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision     | March 2020   |
| Publication of call for proposals  | April 2020   |
| Closing date of call for proposals | June 2020  |
| Award decision                     | October 2020   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | December 2020  |
| Final payment                      | June 2022 - February 2023 depending on the projects duration |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?

The Commission Financing Decision and the 2018 annual work programme for the implementation of the first year of the preparatory action, C(2018)1602 of 21 March 2018. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/c-2018-1602\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/c-2018-1602_en.pdf)

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 adopted on 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of the implementation of the preparatory action for 2019. It is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

Call documents for 2018 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/2018/results-published-call-proposals-exchanges-and-mobility-sport\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/2018/results-published-call-proposals-exchanges-and-mobility-sport_en)

Call documents for 2019 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/2019-mobility-call\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/2019-mobility-call_en)

Call documents for 2020 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-proposals-exchanges-and-mobility-sport-2020\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-proposals-exchanges-and-mobility-sport-2020_en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission intends to develop mobility schemes for sport staff, as foreseen in the Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027 legal basis. The activities should a priori be decentralised and applicants will apply through national agencies. The details are still to be developed and it will probably not be applicable before 2023.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary /Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Creating Insight   | Sports Aid Trust, United Kingdom  | 94 939.76                |
| Supporting Mobility and Good Practice Exchange in University Sport   | EUSA Institute, Slovenia  | 188 480                  |
| Multisport Academy   | Societa Sportiva Dilettantistica Lazio Nuoto A Responsabilita Limitata, Italy | 137 152                  |
| EU-China Mobilities: Grassroots Sport in Schools, Clubs and Outdoors | International Sport And Culture Association, Denmark                          | 240 000                  |
| Sport Diplomacy Academy  | Asociacia Za Razvitie Na Bulgarskia Sport, Bulgaria                           | 192 000                  |
| Study Visits Programme for grassroots trainers                       | Towarzystwo Sportowe Iron Man, Poland   | 177 632                  |
| Development of LGBTQ sports clubs in Central and Eastern Europe      | European Gay And Lesbian Sport Federation Vereniging, Netherlands             | 121 016                  |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                 | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                                      | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Training the Female Sport for All Leaders of Tomorrow | Die Internationale Vereinigung Fur Sport Fur Alle Ev/Tafisa, Germany | 199 500                  |

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| World 2 Win (Beach) Volleyball   | Nederlands Olympisch Comité-Nederlandse Sport Federatie, The Netherlands | 200 000 |
| Blossoming Dual Career   | Sports Aid Trust, United Kingdom   | 197 732 |
| Fitness on the Move  | Europeactive, Belgium  | 159 884 |
| Enhancing the skills of Sport Administrators through international Learning Mobility                 | European Observatoire Of Sport And Employment, France                    | 199 560 |
| Cooperation between Coaches from EuroAsia  | Confederation Europeenne De Volley-Ball, Luxembourg                      | 160 000 |
| Sport for Change   | Asociacion Iniciativa Internacional Joven, Spain                         | 59 932  |
| Social Inclusion Education & Training Exchange for Sport Professionals, Coaches and Volunteers       | Cumann Peile Na H-Eireann Football Association Of Ireland, Irelande      | 160 000 |
| Labdarúgó utánpótlás egyesületek tanulási célú mobilitás keretében történő nemzetközi együttműködése | Kaposvölgye Labdarúgó Utánpótlás Nevelő Egyesület, Hungary               | 53 128  |
| Badminton Exchange and Mobility  | Didona-Zavod Za Kakovost Zivljenja, Slovenia                             | 59 960  |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>            | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|--|----------------------|
| Experienti@   | FEDERACAO PORTUGUESA DE NATACAO, Portugal  | 159 828              |
| Rock n Roll Sport For All                               | NSPORTOWY KLUB TANECZNY MEGA DANCE, Poland | 57 300.80            |
| EMPOWERING NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE COACHES & REFEREES | FIBA Europe, Germany                       | 199 184              |
| One Goal  | Active Youth Association, Lithuania        | 181 977              |
| TRANSnational Football Exchange and Role-shadowing      | European Supporters Alliance, Ireland      | 163 485              |

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|---|---|------------|
| Korfball 4 gender equality: Coaching and managing korfball              | Koninklijk Nederlands Korfbalverbond, The Netherlands         | 185 854    |
| Euro-Africa Para-Archery Development                                    | WORLD ARCHERY EUROPE, Italy                                   | 60 000     |
| Qualification for improvement   | Basketball Club for People with Disabilities Levski, Bulgaria | 46 257     |
| Grassroots exchange and mobility – empowering youth sport professionals | HUNGARIAN SCHOOL SPORT FEDERATION, Hungary                    | 191 209.28 |
| Pro Mobility  | EU Athletes, The Netherlands                                  | 163 320    |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of grants and procurement.

- Grants: The project supports organisations active in the field of sport organising exchanges and mobility schemes through grants awarded in the context of a call for proposals. These projects involve partners from outside EU with the special focus on Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership, Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- Procurement: The Commission supports the promotion, dissemination and valorisation of the projects through the current preparatory action. This takes the form of communication activities, seminars and conferences. These activities are developed through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures. The Commission ensures the selection and evaluation process through appropriate IT tools. The conception of this IT tool are financed within the current preparatory action. This will be ensured through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures.
- Experts: External experts are assisting the evaluation committee by contributing to the evaluation of the proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Organisations active in the field of sport, coaches and other 'staff' of sport organisations (including volunteers) linked to professional and/or grassroots sport.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 18 04: Preparatory action — Music Moves Europe: Boosting European music diversity and talent

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |              |             |           |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 2 500 000,00 | 1 230 359,53 | p.m.        | 1 395 000 | p.m.    | 946 894 | 0,0 %          | -32,1 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 2 500 000,00 | 1 230 359,53 | p.m.        | 1 395 000 | p.m.    | 946 894 | 0,0 %          | -32,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this Preparatory action were voted under the 2018, 2019 and 2020 budgets.

The Preparatory action aims at testing suitable actions with a view to future EU programme support for music. In general, terms, support would be directed towards European diversity and talent, the competitiveness of the sector as well as increased access of citizens to music in all its diversity. Following discussion at EU level with the representatives of the music ecosystem, this Preparatory action responds to the identified need for more targeted support to Europe's music sector to address major challenges and topical issues by means of selected activities. It would complement and build on the existing, but too limited support options for music under Creative Europe. Very importantly, it would add value to the formulated political priorities in the field of culture as stipulated in the Treaties. The new circumstances, due to the crisis, led to the re-orientation of the 2020 Preparatory action (amendment of the Annual Work Programme) with the focus of channelling support towards the recovery of the music sector.

### Objectives followed during 2019 and 2020 implementation:

In 2019, the objectives of the six calls launched to implement the Preparatory action were as follows:

- Develop further elements for future programme support in the field of "professionalization and training" of young musicians and professionals in the music sector, focussing on business-related skills (e.g. digital, management, economical skills);

- Experiment ideas developed as part of the European music export strategy to foster international success (e.g. visibility, commercialisation and distribution) of European music worldwide;
- Promote sustainable live music distribution through cooperation between small- and medium sized music venues with the aim to test innovative collaboration models and to enhance venues' role and identity in the local community;
- Support creativity and develop talents in the musical sector through European co-creation initiatives;
- Increase knowledge about health issues for creators in the European music business;
- Promote innovative approaches in the field of music education and learning, through cooperation between the music and education sectors.

To implement the 2020 preparatory action, the 2020 Annual Work Programme for preparatory action was amended, to take account of the need for targeted support to the sector in light of the heavy impact of the COVID-19 crisis. The main objective was to contribute to the sector's recovery from the crisis by helping it to become more sustainable and adapt to newly emerging trends after the crisis.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

In 2021, the following activities are foreseen to implement the 2018-2020 Preparatory action:

- 2018 preparatory action: final reports for the 2018 calls for proposals will be assessed (i.e. 2018 training call; for the 2019 distribution call, a brochure summarising the results, has already been prepared), depending of the COVID-situation, a meeting gathering all project holders will be organised; The Commission will also further work on the follow-up to the 2018 studies (European music observatory - EMO, analysis of market gaps, European music export strategy), including on the policy side (e.g. we are exploring cooperation with the European Union Intellectual Property Office observatory);
- 2019 preparatory action: the selected projects under the 4 calls for proposals (professionalization, co-creation, small venues, music education) will be implemented, including adaptations of activities due to the ongoing crisis with possible implications on the budgetary/contractual side; the same goes for the two studies(health and well-being of musicians, music export pilot) that just kicked-off in January 2020;
- 2020 preparatory action: the signature of the grant agreement with the beneficiary of the call for proposals is planned for April 2021, so that the action (implementation of redistribution scheme, including launch of calls to final beneficiaries) can take place by July. A steering committee will be set up in the spring to accompany the implementation of the scheme for the full duration of the implementation of this call.

Expected results:

In 2021, with regard to the following preparatory action years:

- 2018: Project reports from the calls are assessed / analysed with a view to their relevance for future EU programme support; a follow-up to the EMO study has been explored;
- 2019: Projects and studies can be carried out, as planned or as adjusted due to the crisis;
- 2020: The redistribution scheme has been launched, the steering committee has been set up.

Related, in addition, in 2021,

- a strategy/plan for the next steps in the context of Music Moves Europe (policy, funding, dialogue) has been developed;

- first targeted funding under the new sectorial approach to music in the Creative Europe programme has reached the sector (Creative Europe annual work programme 2021).

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>    |
|--|----------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                         | March 2018     |
| Publication of calls for proposals / calls for tender  | June 2018      |
| Closing date of calls for proposals / calls for tender | September 2018 |
| Award decisions  | 2018-2019      |
| Prefinancing payments                                  | 2018           |
| Interim payments                                       | 2019           |
| Final payments   | 2019/2020      |

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                 |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                         | March 2019                  |
| Publication of calls for proposals / calls for tender  | August 2019 – April 2020    |
| Closing date of calls for proposals / calls for tender | December 2019 - August 2020 |
| Award decisions  | May 2020 – October 2020     |
| Pre-financing payments                                 | November, December 2020     |
| Interim payments                                       | NA                          |
| Final payments   | 2021 and 2022               |

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>   | <b>Date</b> |
|---|-------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                      | March 2020  |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2020   |

| Step   | Date             |
|--|------------------|
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | November 2020    |
| Award decision                                       | April / May 2021 |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | May / June 2021  |
| Final payment  | November 2023    |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?

The Commission Financing Decision and the 2018 annual work programme for the implementation of the first year of the preparatory action, C(2018)1602 of 21 March 2018. It is available at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/c-2018-1602\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/c-2018-1602_en.pdf)

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 adopted on 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of the implementation of the preparatory action for 2019. It is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)3738, adopted on 12 June 2020, amending Decision C(2020) 1194 is available here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/default/files/c20203738-ce-awp-web.pdf>

Call documents for 2018 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/content/music-moves-europe-preparatory-action-all-four-calls-published\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/content/music-moves-europe-preparatory-action-all-four-calls-published_en)

Call documents for 2019 are available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CoCreationAndCoProduction>

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/SmallMusicVenues/management/overview>

The project website is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/actions/music-moves-europe\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/actions/music-moves-europe_en)

The study "A European music export strategy" and its executive summaries are available at the following address:



<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/893b761b-68c6-11ea-b735-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>

Call documents for 2020 are available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls/music-moves-europe-preparatory-action-2020-innovative-support-scheme-sustainable-music-ecosystem>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow-up is envisaged. The results of the PAs will, primarily, be built in the future Creative Europe programme as sectorial measures supporting music.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                             | <b>Beneficiary /Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR (maximum)</b>   |
|---|--|--|
| Feasibility study<br>“European Music Observatory” | Lot 1 – Observatory study – Panteia (KEA)<br>Lot 2 – Gap ‘analysis’ – Panteia (KEA)  | 174 661.50<br>174 113  |
| Online and Offline distribution                   | Eastaste Group Bt.(Eastaste)<br>World Airplay Radio Monitor (WARM)<br>EVEARA Limited<br>Zavod Radio Študent (Zavod RŠ)<br>GET a GIG Laser GmbH<br>Digital Music Solutions<br>Berlin 3 Services GmbH (Berlin3)<br>Sonosuite<br>Idol (Independent Distribution online)   | 30 000<br>30 000<br>30 000<br>30 000<br>30 000<br>30 000<br>30 000<br>30 000<br>30 000 |
| European Music Leaders training programme         | Mono-beneficiary:<br>Interessengemeinschaft Hamburger Musikwirtschaft e.V. (DE)<br>Fórum a Népművészetért (HU)<br>Tremolino (FR)<br>AMAEI - Associação de Músicos Artistas e Editoras Independentes (PT)<br>Musikkutstysordningen (NO)<br>Music Estonia MTÜ<br>Multi-beneficiary:<br>Fédération Nationale des Labels Indépendants (FELIN) (FR)/ Verband Unabhängiger Musikunternehmen e.V. (DE)/ Le LABA (FR): for Women Entrepreneurs in Music industry<br>mdw – University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (AT)/ mica – music information center Austria (AT)<br>Associazione culturale Scuola per giovani | 54 959.28<br>55 000<br>54 998<br>55 000<br>55 000<br>55 000<br>55 000                  |

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|--------------------------------|--|----------------|
|                                | musicisti (IT)/ Università degli Studi di Camerino (IT): TEME  | 52 362.89      |
|                                | Cyprus Music Information Centre (CyMIC) (CY)/Institute for Research on Music and Acoustic – Greek Music documentation Center (IEMA) (GR) | 54 994.55      |
|                                |  | 53 000         |
| European Music Export Strategy | Le Bureau Export (MICA)  | <b>300 000</b> |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>              | <b>Beneficiary /Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Professionalization and training   | Trempolino  | 90 000               |
|                                    | A38   | 48 500               |
|                                    | LAG Rock Pop + L' Autre Canal   | 90 000               |
|                                    | Festival Aix  | 89 115               |
|                                    | Hogeschool Ghent  | 90 000               |
|                                    | Future Female Sounds Aarhus   | 47 604               |
|                                    | Aarhus  | 86 000               |
|                                    | IHM   | 78 848.71            |
|                                    | IMMF  | 88 629.60            |
|                                    | Impala  | 71 835.52            |
|                                    | Music Innovation Hub  | 88 000               |
| Export of European Music           | Musik information Centrum - Austria in consortium with KEA/Performing Rights Society foundation/Music Export Poland/Music Finland Ry/EMEE/UMENI | 397 575              |
| Co-operation of small music venues | Music Estonia in consortium with LiveFIN/Bar Loose/Kultuuriklubi Tempel   | 50 000               |
|                                    | A Macho Alfa in consortium with Maus Hábitos/La Melona  | 50 000               |
|                                    | Reykjavík Music City (RMC) in consortium with HLUTMENGI ehf/Gamli Gaukurinn ehf/Hannesarholt Ses/Dillon ehf                                     | 30 000               |
|                                    | Live Kommbinat in consortium with Landesverband der Kultur- und Kreativwirtschaft Sachsen e.V/Noch Besser Leben                                 |                      |
|                                    | RESEAU Le Périscope in consortium with BMC  | 27 000               |
|                                    | Budapest Music center Kft./Le petit Fauchoux  |                      |
|                                    | WORM in consortium with Kvaka   |                      |
|                                    | 22/DABADABA/VAARTKAPOEN   | 50 000               |
|                                    | ROCKNROLLA PRODUCCIONES Y EVENTOS CULTRALES in consortium with 4AD/La Passerelle-Le grand Mix/MKC Skopje/Udruženje za razvoj culture "URK"      | 67 270.50            |
|                                    | Bergen Kommune in consortium with Bergens Kunstforening-Bergen Kunsthall-Landmark/Kulturhuset Østre AS  |                      |
|                                    | Overground Musicin consortium with Valhalla   | 62 672               |

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|  | Invest SRL/POT Music NGO/PUB CULTURE SRL   | 30 000  |
|  | Mezzanine in consortium with Promotion de Associations Namuroises Actives en Musiques Actuelles (PANAMA)/Promotion Stichting Asteriks/Ośrodek Działań Artystycznych "Firlej" | 50 000  |
|  | Szubjektív Értékek Alapítvány in consortium with Király-Nappali Kft./Kvaka 22/Tamaš Horvat PR  | 47 285  |
|  | Ugostiteljska radnja Zentropia Senta/Channel Zero, kulturno umetniško društvo/S.C. Gulas Exotic Srl.   |         |
|  | Campus in consortium with SIA "FP IZKLAIDE"/ASSOCIAZIONE TEATRALE ORFEO/UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN   | 70 000  |
|  |  | 70 000  |
| Co-creation                            | Louvana Diskoi LTD   | 50 000  |
|  | Saraiva Canejo Leitão Unipessoal in consortium with Nord Universitet(NORD)   | 50 000  |
|  | ROCKNROLLA PRODUCCIONES Y EVENTOS CULTURALES S.L. in consortium with W Music Sweden/ESTRAGON   |         |
|  | Associazione Culturale "So what" in consortium with MINNAMURRA MUSIC MANAGEMENT & AGENCY   | 49 050  |
|  | IHM - Interessengemeinschaft Hamburger Musikwirtschaft e.V   | 38 700  |
|  | LLC, HOUSE OF CULTURE MASTERSKAYA  | 44 296  |
|  | Institute of Sound in consortium with Konstmusiksystrar/Kajetan Lukomski   | 42 000  |
|  | Music Export Poland Foundation in consortium with Le Bureau Export/Associação Empresarial WHY Portugal   | 49 945  |
|  | A38 Cultural Nonprofit Ltd in consortium with Tendencias 21 Kft./Overground Music SLR./INK   | 50 000  |
|  | Music Ltd./LALA Slovak Music Export  | 50 000  |
| Health and wellbeing of music creators | KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN in consortium with IDEWE VZW, EXTERNE DIENST VOOR PREVIE EN BESCHERMING OP HET WERK, LUCA SCHOOL OF ARTS                                      | 149 195 |
| Music education and learning           | Asociación cultural en lugar de Creacion NAZARENO SOCIETA' COOPERATIVA SOCIALE   | 30 000  |
|  | Sistema Cyprus   | 29 947  |
|  | Jazz Danmark   | 30 000  |
|  | International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation  | 29 800  |
|  | ASOCIACIÓN CULTURAL ORQUESTA CLASICA BELA BARTOK   | 30 000  |
|  | Asociația Trib' Art and Asociația Română de Muzicoterapie and The Moving Academy gUG   |         |
|  | and SOS Children Village Bucharest   | 30 000  |
|  | Musethica e.V  | 30 000  |

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|                  | Artesis Plantijn Hogeschool Antwerpen                               | 30 000 |
|                  | Asociación Aventuras Domésticas                                     | 30 000 |
| External experts | Danny Keir (Sound Diplomacy)  | 14 800 |
|                  | Gergely Salamon (Estate Music)                                      | 13 880 |
|                  | Expert contract - CHOLYST - assessment of proposals EAC-S18-2019    | 21 375 |
|                  | Expert contract - GRAFULLA - assessment of tenders EAC/2020/OP/0006 | 2 700  |
|                  | Expert contract - GRAFULLA - assessment of proposals EAC-S18-2019   | 21 375 |
|                  | Expert contract – GRAFULLA assessment of proposals EAC/S15/2020     | 7 650  |
|                  | Expert contract – KIMENAI assessment of proposals EAC/S15/2020      | 6 300  |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Music Moves<br>Europe Preparatory<br>action 2020:<br>Innovative support<br>scheme for a<br>sustainable music<br>ecosystem | Not yet known                   | 2 500 000            |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action through a call for proposals "Innovative support scheme for a sustainable music ecosystem" aiming at selecting one organisation or consortium in charge of developing a support mechanism for contributing to two particular themes: “sustainable development” and “gender equality”. The activity will consist in a redistribution of funds to third parties in the fields of “sustainable development” and “gender equality”.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Service contractors for tenders procedures and Public or private organisations active in the music sector for the calls for proposals.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 19 02: Preparatory action — Cinemas as Innovation hubs for local communities

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |              |             |           |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 1 198 336,11 | p.m.        | 1 300 000 | p.m.    | 695 000 | 0,0 %          | -46,5 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |           |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 1 198 336,11 | p.m.        | 1 300 000 | p.m.    | 695 000 | 0,0 %          | -46,5 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

Under this preparatory action, a call for proposals was published on 4 June 2020. The award decision was signed on 13 April 2021.

#### Objectives followed during 2019 and previous years' implementation:

A call for proposals was published in July 2019. Five projects were selected and one project was placed on a reserve list. The selected projects started on 1 June 2020. Further flexibility measures may apply in case of 'force majeure' due to the COVID-19 crisis. Beneficiaries were informed about the rules applied in such cases. The selected projects have started and first deliverables will be submitted to the European Commission in the form of interim reports. On 25 November 2020, a meeting was organised with the selected beneficiaries to discuss development of projects and difficulties encountered due to COVID 19 crisis, which resulted in closure of cinemas in many countries. Beneficiaries were informed about the rules applied in cases where more flexibility measures are needed due to the COVID-19 crisis.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

- process and finalise the amendment procedures with the ongoing projects from the 2019 Call due to COVID 19 pandemic which resulted in closure of cinemas in many countries and delayed the implementation of the projects;

- evaluate and process the interim reports of projects from the 2019 Call and based on them process the interim payments;
- oversee the progress of projects from the 2019 Call and participate in progress meetings;
- process and finalise the grant agreements with the projects selected in the 2020 Call and organise a kick-off meeting with the selected projects.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>            |
|--|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 1 April 2019           |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 4 July 2019            |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 25 September 2019      |
| Award decision                                       | 06 March 2020          |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | April to June 2020     |
| Final payment  | January and April 2022 |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                  |
|--|------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 20 April 2020                |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 4 June 2020                  |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 21 August 2020               |
| Award decision                                       | 13 April 2021                |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | June / July 2021             |
| Final payment  | December 2022 / January 2023 |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, set out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/preparatory-action-cinemas-innovation-hubs-local-communities>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Some elements of the action will be continued in the new Creative Europe MEDIA programme.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

The award decision for the 2020 call was signed on 13 April 2021, the grant agreements will be finalised/signed in May / June 2021.

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| Cinema Communities for Innovation, Networks and Environment (CINE) | Slow Food NGO (Italy) – coordinator;<br>Partners:<br>- Associazione Cinemambiente (Italy)<br>- Cinema Boaro - 'Silva S.N.C. Di Carrino Italia & Lombardi Maria Rosa (Italy)<br>- Cinema Vittoria Di Vitton Corio Anna Maria E C. S.A.S. (Italy)<br>- Association Kinookus (Croatia)<br>- Mobilevent (France)<br>- Municipality of Cherasco (Italy) | 488 126 EUR              |
| Ciné hub by Generation Z   | Friche la Belle de Mai/Cinéma le Gyptis (France) – coordinator<br>Partners:<br>- Kinograph (Belgium)<br>- Oxville Cinema (Netherlands)   | 286 767 EUR              |
| Movies in Motion   | Motovun Film Festival (Croatia) – coordinator<br>Partners:<br>- Otok, zavod za razvijanje filmske kulture (Slovenia)<br>- Croatian Films Association (Croatia)<br>- Live Cinema Ltd (UK)<br>- International Filmmaking Academy Bologna   | 262 341 EUR              |

|  |   |             |
|--|---|-------------|
|  | (Italy)   |             |
| Resonance Cinema. Cultural Hub for Curious Minds | Art Fest Ltd. (Bulgaria)- coordinator<br>Partners:<br>- Kinematografi Osijek d.d. (Croatia)<br>- Tisza Mozi Szórakoztató Kereskedelmi és Szolgáltató Kft. (Hungary)<br>- Center interesnih dejavnosti Ptuj (Slovenia)   | 473 537 EUR |
| Connecting Cinemas in Rural Areas                | KulturGenossenschaft Neue Kammerspiele eG (Germany) – coordinator<br>Partners:<br>- Public cultural Institution Fortress of Culture Šibenik (Croatia)<br>- Mioritics Association (Romania)<br>- Ifigeneia G.Vlachogiannis- Thomas G.Vlachogiannis (Greece)<br>- Hogeschool van Amsterdam / Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands)<br>- M2C Institut für angewandte Medienforschung (Germany)<br>- Public Art Lab e.V. (Germany)<br>- KEA European Affairs (Belgium) | 489 229 EUR |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

Results of the 2020 call are expected to be published in May / June 2021.

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by a call for proposals.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Cinema operators, cultural organisations, film festivals, non-profit organisation (private or public), public authorities (national, regional, local), international organisations, universities, educational institutions and profit making entities.



## 1. Heading

### PA 07 19 03: Preparatory action — Monitoring and coaching, through sports, of youngsters at risk of radicalisation

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 1 761 777,38 | p.m.        | 827 938 | p.m.    | 472 462 | 0,0 %          | -42,9 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 1 761 777,38 | p.m.        | 827 938 | p.m.    | 472 462 | 0,0 %          | -42,9 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budget.

This action aims at supporting sport-related projects organised by sport organisations and federations cooperating with public authorities (including municipalities), local actors and civil society. This action will focus on the prevention of radicalisation, in particular in helping youngsters at risk of exclusion and of radicalisation to better integrate in the society in which they are living. It will focus on the practise of sport and physical activity as a tool to promote a better inclusion to a group or in the society as a whole. Expected results include:

- The access to sport and physical activity of populations at risk of exclusion and radicalisation;
- The training of coaches and staff working on integration through sport;
- The development of networks and partnerships at EU level;
- A better integration into EU societies amongst people at risk of radicalisation, in particular youngsters.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objectives for 2019 were supporting sport-related projects focusing on the prevention of radicalisation, in particular in helping youngsters at risk of exclusion and of radicalisation to better integrate in the society in which they are living. It focused on the practise of sport and physical activity as a tool to promote a better inclusion to a group or in the society as a whole. The gender equality dimension was taken into account. Following the call for proposals,

seven projects were selected. Projects activities have started in 2020. The first deliverables are expected in 2022.

Following the action implemented in 2019, the 2020 action supported organisations active in the field of sport. The total budget for this action was EUR 1 000 000. Thus, in 2020, 5 projects were selected. Applicants proposed actions that focus on the prevention of radicalisation, in particular in helping youngsters at risk of exclusion and of radicalisation to better integrate in the society in which they are living. A non-exhaustive list of the main activities are:

- Development of sport and physical activities for people at risk of radicalisation;
- Design and development of networks at EU level amongst organisations engaged into the prevention, through sports, of marginalisation and radicalisation;
- Organisation of workshops, seminars and conferences aimed at spreading the information, expertise and cooperation opportunities relating to the prevention of marginalisation and radicalisation through sport;
- Development, identification, promotion and sharing of activities and good practices, at EU level, about monitoring and coaching, through sports, of people at risk of radicalisation.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The projects selected in 2020, which started in January 2021, will be in the first year of implementation. It is likely that funded projects are slowed down by the COVID-19 pandemic and are currently focusing on planning and development of methodologies that require fewer physical contacts. Meetings are held online.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>      |
|--|------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2019       |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2019         |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2019        |
| Award decision                                       | October 2019     |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | January 2019     |
| Final payment  | Expected in 2022 |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
|--|--------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2020   |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2020     |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2020    |
| Award decision                                       | October 2020 |

| Step                             | Date             |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Prefinancing or interim payments | December 2020    |
| Final payment                    | Expected in 2023 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 adopted on 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of the implementation of the preparatory action for 2019. It is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

Call documents for 2019 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-monitoring-coaching-youngsters-risk-radicalisation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-monitoring-coaching-youngsters-risk-radicalisation_en)

Call documents for 2020 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-monitoring-coaching-youngsters-risk-radicalisation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-monitoring-coaching-youngsters-risk-radicalisation_en)

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No.

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?

No follow-up is envisaged at this stage. It could be one of the actions implemented in the future by the Erasmus+ programme.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

#### – 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor                 | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--|---------------|
| Youth Anti Radicalisation through Sport in Europe            | Fare Network Stichting                   | 245 813.60    |
| Sport and Training Against Radicalization                    | CUS TORINO                               | 256 056       |
| ToGetTher(E)   | LArco Società Cooperativa Sociale arl    | 211 872       |
| Football For A Better Chance                                 | Federatia Romana De Fotbal               | 305 504       |
| Geographic Platform for Amateur Runners for Deradicalization | Federazione Italiana Di Atletica Leggera | 321 920       |
| Sport for Prevention of                                      | Unio De Federacions Esportives De        | 259 299.68    |

|                    |             |         |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|
| Extremism in Youth | Catalunya   |         |
| Move IN            | EDUVIC SCCL | 350 000 |

–2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                                  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| Radical (Ex)Change   | International Olympic Truce Centre,<br>(EL)                      | 157 352.56               |
| Belgian Red Courts Programme   | Union Royale Belge des Sociétés de<br>Football association, (BE) | 200 000                  |
| GeoLAB   | Federazione Italiana di Atletica<br>Leggera, (IT)                | 193 545                  |
| Start on the Street: Acting<br>Against Radicalization Through<br>Sport In Cities | Ufolep IDF, (FR)   | 170 300                  |
| Football For A Better Chance<br>2.0  | Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio,<br>(IT)                      | 199 720                  |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of grants and procurement.

- Grants: The preparatory action is implemented through grants awarded following a call for proposals. The selected projects allows supporting local projects focused on the monitoring and prevention of radicalisation processes through sport. These projects involves local sport organisations and develop cooperation with local authorities active in the field. These projects would support “umbrella” sport organisations, which want to develop initiatives of social inclusion through sport, in order to avoid radicalisations.
- Procurement: The Commission is supporting the promotion, dissemination and valorisation of the projects through the current preparatory action. This takes the form of communication activities, seminars and conferences. These activities are developed through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures. The Commission ensures the selection and evaluation process through appropriate IT tools. The conception of this IT tool is financed within the current preparatory action. This is ensured through an existing framework contract or a new procurement procedure.
- Experts: External experts are assisting the evaluation committee by contributing to the evaluation of the proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Organisations and federations cooperating with public authorities (including municipalities), local actors and civil society.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 19 05: Preparatory action — Recognition of school study periods abroad

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
|         | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 166 474 | p.m.    | 166 474 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 166 474 | p.m.    | 166 474 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019 budget.

This preparatory action will support the implementation of the 2018 Council Recommendation on promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education and training qualifications and the outcomes of learning periods abroad, specifically on recognition of learning periods abroad in secondary education. It will also support the implementation of the future Erasmus programme. The main activity will be to create a network of experts and stakeholders (representatives of Member States/EEA countries, the European Commission, pupil mobility organisations, Erasmus+ National Agencies, other European and national stakeholders) that will create tools for facilitating peer learning across Member States.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The action is implemented through a procurement procedure with an open call for tender. The call for tender was published in spring 2019 and awarded in autumn 2019. The contract was signed in December 2019. During the last weeks of the year, the contractors focused on finalising the organisation and the planning of the activities, and prepared the kick-off meeting, which was held in January 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic influenced the implementation of the action. It has led to travel and meeting restrictions and disturbed activities of school authorities since March 2020. Modifications were needed to carry out the activities planned. However, the overall implementation of the action suffers only minor delays. The expert Network was created in March 2020 and is operative. It includes 26 expert from 15 Member States representing the different stakeholder in pupils' mobility. After its

constitution, the Expert network started working on the other tasks of the preparatory action, including:

- Country analysis linked to the report on how the key principles of the Council Recommendation on recognition can be applied in national context (task 2) and the content of the Webpage (Task 4);
- Discussions on the structure of European Framework to support recognition of learning period abroad;
- Draft structure for the webpage (task 4);
- Content of the model training programme on assessment of transversal competences of mobile pupils (task 5);
- A dissemination strategy was delivered (task 6).

An operational meeting was held online 18 May 2020 to frame the work of the experts. The Network held two meetings:

- first Network meeting 9- 10 June 2020 (Online): Exchanges on pupil mobility and diversity of recognition practices across Europe. Work on the dissemination strategy; 2nd Network meeting 6-7 October 2020 (Online): State of play of the Country analysis on pupil mobility and recognition practices, first discussions on European Framework on recognition of outcomes of learning period, discussion of the contingency plan linked to the COVID19 pandemic.

Two internal webinars were carried out in connection with the model-training programme (Task 5):

- Webinar on assessment of intercultural competence of pupils within individual exchange programmes;
- Webinar on OECD PISA Global competence assessment.

Deliverables:

- Inception Report;
- Task 1: Report on proposed membership of the Expert Network, Operative network and Network Meetings;
- Task 6: Dissemination strategy and draft flyers;
- Progress report.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Continue and conclude the implementation of the preparatory action, including an online network meeting (February 2021), an in-situ network meeting (autumn 2021) and three internal webinars.

Expected delivery:

- Report on how the key principles of the Council Recommendation can be applied to national education systems and contexts in Member States, and proposal of potential ways forward for the adoption of national policies on recognition of outcomes of learning periods abroad;
- Content for a webpage giving information, which will allow stakeholders to understand the different systems, procedures and requirements for recognition of outcomes of learning periods abroad;

- Proposal for a European framework that sets out the general principles for recognition and the basis for future European guidelines to facilitate implementation of automatic recognition of learning period abroad;
- A Model training programme on assessment of transversal competences of mobile pupils;
- Final report.

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date          |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2019    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | June 2019     |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | August 2019   |
| Award decision                                       | October 2019  |
| Interim payment                                      | February 2021 |
| Final payment  | February 2022 |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 of 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of this preparatory action for 2019. The link to the Europa site is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

The call for tenders information is available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=4893>

The award decision is available at the following address:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:604620-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML&tabId=1>

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No.

- **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage. Once the proposal for a European Framework is available in 2021, a possible proposal could be considered

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                             | Beneficiary /Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| Recognition of school study periods abroad | EFIL                    | 333 000       |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of a procurement procedure with an open call for tender. The purpose of the procurement is, in the first stage, to create an expert network on recognition of outcomes of learning periods abroad in general secondary education, and in the second stage to create an online information site on recognition of learning periods abroad and produce a model-training programme for competence-based assessment of mobile pupils.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

The preparatory action is implemented through a procurement by a consortium of Federation-NGO-Consultancy. The direct target group of the action are mobility providers and school authorities. At the same time, some measures address schools, teachers and mobile pupils.



## 1. Heading

### PA 07 19 06: Preparatory action — Sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |              | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 1 750 000,00 | 2 841 251,08 | 2 000 000   | 1 685 500 | p.m.    | 1 402 231 | -100,0 %       | -16,8 % |
| Reserve |              |              |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 750 000,00 | 2 841 251,08 | 2 000 000   | 1 685 500 | p.m.    | 1 402 231 | -100,0 %       | -16,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019, 2020 and 2021 budgets.

This preparatory action will focus on the integration of refugees in communities across the EU through local sport projects. The action will support the identification of good practices in Europe and the development of methods to assess their impact in a systematic and replicable manner. Information on actions relating to the integration of refugees through sport should be made available on a networking platform.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

Through concrete actions aiming at integrating refugees through sport, which will constitute the main share of funded projects, and additional action aiming at building networks and disseminating good practices in the EU, the expected outcomes of this preparatory action include:

- Promoting the direct engagement of refugees and host communities;
- Promoting a Europe-wide approach, increasing the potential for host communities to successfully engage and integrate refugees through sport;
- Developing the links between organisations promoting the integration of refugees through sport at EU level;
- Creating a platform of projects aiming at promoting sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees;

- Collecting and disseminating good practices, through IT tools, workshops, seminars and conferences, relating to available results of projects and initiatives aimed at the integration of refugees through sport.

The budget foreseen for the co-financing of projects under this call for proposals in 2020 was EUR 1 650 000. The Commission selected for funding seven proposals in 2020. The project funded with the 2019 call for proposals have continued to implement their activities, though many project have experienced a slower implementation given the COVID19 pandemic. Several online meetings with projects funded within the 2019 call for proposals were held.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

In 2021, the Commission will continue to assist and monitor the 2019 and 2020 funded projects. The intentions for 2021 are to publish a call for proposals and manage it until the award of grants. The European Education and Culture Executive Agency will further carry out this activity. The action will support the identification of good practices in Europe and the development of methods to assess their impact in a systematic and replicable manner. Information on actions relating to the integration of refugees through sport should be made available on a networking platform. The budget foreseen for the co-financing of projects under this call for proposals is EUR 1 900 000 in 2021. It is expected that 10-12 projects will be funded in 2021 with the maximum awarded budget per project of EUR 200 000.

The expected results include:

- Promoting the direct engagement of refugees and host communities within the EU;
- Promoting a Europe-wide approach, increasing the potential for European host communities to successfully engage and integrate refugees through sport;
- Developing the links between organisations promoting the integration of refugees through sport at EU level.

Actions can include (non-exhaustive list):

- Sport activities aimed at promoting participation of refugees into EU societies;
- Preparation and training of sport coaches and staff who will work on integration and social inclusion of refugees through sport;
- Development of activities and identification of good practices about participation of refugees into sport activities aimed at their integration into host societies.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
|--|--------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2019   |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | May 2019     |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July 2019    |
| Award decision                                       | October 2019 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | January 2020 |
| Final payment  | 2022         |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                               | Date          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | March 2020    |
| Publication of call for proposals  | April 2020    |
| Closing date of call for proposals | June 2020     |
| Award decision                     | October 2020  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | December 2020 |
| Final payment                      | 2023          |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date          |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2021    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | April 2021    |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | May 2021      |
| Award decision                                       | October 2021  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | December 2021 |
| Final payment  | 2024          |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2019) 1819 adopted on 12 March 2019 sets out the main elements of the implementation of the preparatory action for 2019. It is available at the following address: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/2019-annual-work-programme.pdf>

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 1658, adopted on 17 March 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2021-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2021-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

Call documents for 2020 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/integration-social-inclusion-refugees-2020\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/integration-social-inclusion-refugees-2020_en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow-up at this stage. It could be one of the actions implemented in the future by the Erasmus+ programme.

#### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                                     | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| SMILE - digital teaching and learning for integration in sports                    | Deutscher Olympischer Sportbund (DOSB)                              | 240 000                  |
| THROW-In. Trainers as Healthy Roadmap Of Welcoming Inclusion                       | Virtusvecomp Verona SRL   | 200 740                  |
| Sports education for a new life  | Taekwondo Klub Jastreb  | 268 140                  |
| Score for respect  | Oltalom Sportegyesulet  | 200 000                  |
| Play Football Together: football as an inclusion tool for refugees.                | Club de accionariado popular ciudad                                 | 238 000                  |
| Play Football, Live Football   | Malta Football Association  | 200 920                  |
| RUN FREE   | Vlaamse Atletiekliga  | 220 000                  |
| Sport Inclusion of Refugees across Europe (SPIN Refugees)                          | Fonds Wiener Institut Fur Internationalen Dialog Und Zusammenarbeit | 295 000                  |
| We Welcome Young Refugees  | Royal Europa '90 Kraainem Football Club                             | 200 000                  |
| Fostering social inclusion through sport for refugees and asylum seekers in Europe | Play International  | 295 396.57               |
| IRTS Networking Platform   | International Sport And Culture Association                         | 600 000                  |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                            | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Community  | Universitat de Barcelona, (ES)   | 239 850                  |
| Football Integrating Refugees and Asylum Seekers | Federatia Romana de Fotbal, (RO) | 200 000                  |
| Kids Love Sports                                 | Hellenic Olympic Committee, (EL) | 248 080                  |

|  |  |         |
|--|--|---------|
| INtegration through SPort and Inclusion for Refugees in Europe for Sustainability - INSPIRES | FARE, (NL)                                   | 270 288 |
| SPorts-based intervention for Refugees INclusion with a Gender perspective - SPRING          | Fundacio Privada Futbol Club Barcelona, (ES) | 296 280 |
| Engageyou4sport: Engage All into Sports Organisations  | Associazione Italiana Cultura Sport, (IT)    | 243 000 |
| Pass - Actioning Social Sports (PASS)  | Malta Football Association, (MT)             | 204 144 |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

Taking into account that the 2021 call is not yet published, the awarded projects are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of grants and procurement.

- Grants: The preparatory action will implemented through a call for proposals. The selected projects should involve local sport organisations.
- Procurement: The Commission will support the promotion, dissemination and valorisation of the projects through the current preparatory action. This will take the form of communication activities, seminars and conferences. These activities will be developed existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures. The Commission will ensure the selection and evaluation process through appropriate IT tools. The conception of this IT tool will be financed within the current preparatory action. This will be ensured through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures.
- Experts: External experts will assist the evaluation committee by contributing to the evaluation of the proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

International or European Sport federations, non-profit organisation (private or public), public authorities (national, regional, local), international or European organisations, sport clubs, universities, educational institutions, research centres, companies.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 19 07: Preparatory action — Capacity building, programmatic development and communication in the context of the fight against money laundering and financial crimes

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 750 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 525 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | 0,0 %          | 52,4 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 750 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 525 000 | p.m.    | 800 000 | 0,0 %          | 52,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2019 and 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The implementation of the action started in March 2021; the budget of 2019 and 2020 are combined.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Civil society organisations are contributing to the implementation of the Union legal framework and have been actively advocating for an effective anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT) regime, calling for a more transparent and trustworthy financial system. Greater and more comprehensive involvement of civil society organisations in AML/CFT work can contribute to further strengthening the effectiveness of both the relevant legal framework and the enforcement activities.

The action will seek to lay the foundations for enhancing the involvement of civil society organisations. This project will help to strengthen a wide range of civil society organisations, including organisations which have not to date been actively involved in fighting money laundering and financial crimes and will enable synergies between the activities of civil society organisations and the efforts of the Union to put an end to money laundering, financial crime and other abusive and criminal practices are increased.

More concretely, five objectives are foreseen:

- Building and raising awareness among capacity among civil society actors through trainings and training materials;
- Raising awareness of AML/CFT risks in relation to a lack of transparency of Beneficial Ownership (BO);
- Creating a sustainable network of BO transparency experts;
- Developing tools/instruments to improve BO transparency; and,
- Creating a public database with information on the use of BO information.

The "Civil Society Advancing Beneficial Ownership Transparency" composed by Transparency International (TI) (Group lead), in partnership with the Tax Justice Network (TJN), Transcrime – Università Cattolica de Sacro Cuore (Transcrime – UCSC) and the Government Transparency Institute (GTI) have won the tender. As foreseen in the Tender Specifications, the contract started on 01 March 2021. The kick-off meeting took place on 11 May 2021.

There will be two main phases in 2021 with different intentions:

- During the preparatory phase, the aim is to establish the framework in which the action will operate: define the participants, seek to define deliverables, set the basis of the future network of civil society actors, identify the tools with which the network will work (verifying existing Beneficial Ownership registers set up in each Member State, establish parameters of data accuracy and define common features as well as differences between the approaches of Member States), choose the locations to deploy the project (events and training).
- After the preparatory phase, the aim is to start of the organisation of trainings and events. In the first year of the contract (2021) and due to the health crisis, it was agreed that trainings and events will not be postponed but will most likely be virtual. The Civil Society Advancing Beneficial Ownership Transparency will have to send its first monitoring reports to the European Commission.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

2019 and 2020 commitment appropriations were combined:

| Step                             | Date   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 6 June 2019 for 2019 commitment appropriations<br>26 May 2020 for 2020 commitment appropriations |
| Publication of call for tender   | 16 July 2020   |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 08 October 2020  |
| Award decision                   | 1 December 2020  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Fourth quarter of 2021 and second quarter of 2022  |
| Final payment                    | Second quarter of 2023   |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decisions, C(2019)4042, adopted on 6 June 2019, and C(2020)3253, adopted on 26 May 2020, set out the main elements of the implementation. The financing decisions are available at the following addresses:

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2019\)4042&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2019)4042&lang=en)

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2020\)3253&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2020)3253&lang=en)

Call documents are available at the following address:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-documents.html?cftId=6238>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative follow up is envisaged, as the main objective of the action is to strengthen the capacity of a wide range of civil society organisations to contribute to fighting money laundering and financial crimes. Where specific proposals for changes to the legislative framework are made, the Commission will duly address them in the context of the revisions of the AML and CTF framework then in force.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Preparatory Action — Capacity Building, Programmatic Development and Communication in The Context of The Fight Against Money Laundering and Financial Crimes | Transparency International<br>Ev | 1 000 000                |

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Preparatory Action — Capacity Building, Programmatic Development and Communication in The Context of The Fight Against Money Laundering and Financial Crimes | Transparency International<br>Ev | 650 000                  |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of a call for tenders.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers.



## 1. Heading

### PA 07 20 01: Preparatory action — Media councils in the digital age

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Line    | 500 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 175 000 | 0,0 %          | -12,5 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 500 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 175 000 | 0,0 %          | -12,5 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

- Support the transition of EU, candidate and EN media councils to the online world through research studies on media ethics, journalists practises and the general public towards the digital media and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the media;
- Improve the recognition of press and media councils' role and media self-regulation benefits in the digital age engaging with internet intermediaries and internet media stakeholders as well as increase the visibility of actions by press and media councils towards the media and journalists communities as well as the general public with the aim to improve ethical standards;
- Reinforcing the existing exchange mechanism platform to share results and best practices within the AIPCE network to tackle the digital challenge ahead collectively;
- Increase participation and cooperation between European press and media councils on targeted fields of interest including supports for newly established media councils and exchange programmes;
- Contribute with relevant expertise to the global dialogue on ethical and professional journalistic standards in the digital age engaging with a variety of stakeholders active in media development.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

- Drafting and publishing the call for proposals;
- Maintain the online database on the current functioning of media self-regulatory bodies and promote the work of press councils in Europe;
- Support the functioning of a pan-EU Working Group;

- Facilitate contacts and exchanges of practices between media councils and other media self-regulatory bodies of the Member States and Candidate Countries;
- Provide direct support to European press/media councils in need;
- Include press/media councils in a global dialogue on media ethics in the digital age (participation at global internet conferences, etc.);
- Increase the visibility of press/media councils in international stakeholder fora with the objective to achieve a better recognition of the media content already under supervision of a press council;
- Organise and support events and conferences;
- Ensure communication and dissemination activities;
- Monitor and evaluate the action.

### 5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                     |
|--|--------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | April 2020               |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | June 2021                |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | July / August 2021       |
| Award decision                                       | October 2021             |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | January 2022 / June 2022 |
| Final payment  | November 2022            |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)2259, adopted on 20 April 2020, set out the main elements of the implementation.

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

- **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

The outcome of the pilot project could be relevant for the possible work on the Media Freedom Act.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Due to the early stage of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Research institutes / academia, foundations, international organisations.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 20 02: Preparatory action — Grassroots sports programmes and infrastructure innovation

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 858 149,47 | 2 000 000   | 1 155 500 | p.m.    | 1 182 364 | -100,0 %       | 2,3 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 858 149,47 | 2 000 000   | 1 155 500 | p.m.    | 1 182 364 | -100,0 %       | 2,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 and 2021 budgets. The first objective is to have an overview of existing practices being developed in or outside sport organisations in EU countries. This will be done through a mapping study. The second objective is to promote new form of practices by sport organisations. This includes the development of new form of sport and physical activities, the communication about these activities and their benefit and the development of light sport facilities.

### Objectives followed during 2020 implementation:

The general objective of this action is to give the opportunity to sport organisations to develop and promote new forms of practicing sport and physical activity through the adaptation of the infrastructure and/or soft programmes. This includes the development of new forms of sport and physical activities, the communication about these activities and their benefit as well as the development of light sport facilities. The specific objective of this action is to support the promotion of physical activity through flexible, modern ways of practicing sport both in terms of offer (trainings, activities) and in terms of infrastructure. Organising cooperation with different EU Member States and/or involving different sports will be an asset.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The budget foreseen for the co-financing of projects under this call for proposals is EUR 1 900 000 in 2021. It is expected that 5-6 projects will be funded in 2021, with a maximum awarded budget of EUR 400 000 per project. Actions will promote new forms of practicing sport, such as (non-exhaustive list):

- Adaptation of the existing infrastructure and development of light sport facilities, which directly complement the expected results;
- Organisation of new forms of physical activities and integration with traditional activities to offer sport activities;
- Innovative approaches to training programmes;
- Intergenerational activities and outreach to young people to increase their participation;
- Use of digital technology and social media.

The expected results include:

- A better understanding of new ways to practice sport and physical activity;
- Developing new ways to practice sport, as well as soft programmes to promote them;
- Better integration of new ways to practice sport and physical activity in the offer of traditional sport federations and organisations;
- Increased participation by young people in sport;
- Developing light sport facilities that directly complement the results expected above.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>               |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | March 2020                |
| Publication of call for proposals  | May 2020                  |
| Closing date of call for proposals | July 2020                 |
| Award decision                     | October 2020              |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | December 2020             |
| Final payment                      | Expected in 2022 and 2023 |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2021    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | April 2021    |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | May 2021      |
| Award decision                                       | October 2021  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | December 2021 |
| Final payment  | 2024          |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 1658, adopted on 17 March 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2021-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2021-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

Call documents for 2020 are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-proposals-exchanges-and-mobility-sport-2020\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/sport/funding/calls/call-proposals-exchanges-and-mobility-sport-2020_en)

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?

No follow-up at this stage. It could be one of the actions implemented in the future by the Erasmus+ programme.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

#### – 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor                                  | EUR (maximum) |
|--|---|---------------|
| FOOTLAB - the new, flexible way of playing football                            | The Royal Dutch Football Association, (NL)                | 452 000       |
| JUNGLE ATHLETICS   | Royal Spanish Athletic Federation - Youth Committee, (ES) | 300 000       |
| Sport goes digital - To break new molds for the sports in the Rhein-Erft-Kreis | Kreissportbund Rhein-Erft e.V, (DE)                       | 430 449.60    |
| Generation Fit   | Klub sportske rekreacije Amika centri, (HR)               | 43 728.80     |
| Come and Play 4.0  | Sport Club Comac Sport, (BG)                              | 131 840       |

#### – 2021 commitment appropriations

Taking into account that the 2021 call is not yet published, the awarded projects are not yet known.

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of grants, procurement and contracting experts.

- Grants: The preparatory action will be implemented through a call for proposals. Sport federations, organisations or clubs should lead the selected projects, which have activities in Europe, a European dimension or European impact. They may involve institutions, national, regional and local authorities, companies and even individuals.
- Procurement: The Commission will launch a study in order to improve knowledge about the current situation in EU countries. The Commission will support the promotion, dissemination and valorisation of the projects through the current preparatory action. This will take the form of communication activities, seminars and conferences. These activities will be developed through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures. The Commission will ensure the selection and evaluation process through appropriate IT tools. The conception of this IT tool will be financed within the current preparatory action. This will be ensured through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures.
- Experts: External experts will assist the evaluation committee by contributing to the evaluation of the proposals.

#### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Sport federations, organisations or clubs with legal personality, which regularly organises sport competitions and have activities in Europe, a European dimension or European impact. Beneficiaries must have registered office in one of the EU Member States.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 20 03: Preparatory action — Finance, Learning, Innovation and Patenting for Cultural and Creative Industries (FLIP for CCIs)

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 1 486 635,03 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 743 318 | 0,0 %          | -0,9 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 1 486 635,03 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 743 318 | 0,0 %          | -0,9 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget. Following a call for proposals launched in June 2020, the Preparatory Action - Finance, Learning, Innovation and Patenting for Cultural and Creative Industries (FLIP for CCIs 3) was awarded in October 2020 to the Goethe-Institut e.V (coordinator), and the European Creative Hubs Network (ECHN), IDEA Consult, 3s Unternehmensberatung and Institut de la propriété intellectuelle Luxembourg (IPIL). The duration of the project shall be 28 months and the project starts its activities in June 2021.

FLIP for CCIs 3 will build on the achievements of the previous two pilot projects (FLIP for CCIs 1 and 2), complement them and prepare proposals with a view to the adoption of future actions/basic acts for sustaining and developing CCIs and aiming at generating cross-sectoral benefits and spill-overs in the different areas and sectors CCIs interface with.

### Objectives:

The Preparatory Action “FLIP for CCIs 3” will take stock of the achievements of the previous phases concerning the European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations (ESCO) skills classification and complement it. It will build on the previous activities developing a model for recognising skills, testing the model with a larger number of CCIs and in particular strengthen the dimension of releasing the model for codifying skills and associating them with professional figures in the light of the European framework on skills. Phase 3 will look at how to best use ESCO to match CCI skills classifications with actual labour market requirement and will also seek synergies with the ESCO network of experts and communities of practice in the field of CCIs. Based on the guidelines and good

practice for training programmes aimed at developing CCI skills developed by FLIP-1, the action will use existing structures and networks in order to prototype and test some solutions in practice and take policy learning to the next level. Phase 3 will complement the previous phases, seek synergies and issue recommendations with a view to the adoption of future actions. FLIP for CCIs 3 will continue with previous actions and will identify, prototype and test some innovative approaches via a participatory peer learning approach, involving regions, municipalities, local authorities, local cultural and creative actors in an inclusive way. Good practice examples will be collected and shared in practical and appealing visual material. A peer-to-peer exchange programme among creative hubs as well as going beyond mobility by deeper forms of cooperation and co-creation will be tested in an innovative way. In addition, this third phase also intends to strengthen international cooperation. FLIP for CCIs 3 will use stock-taking and recommendations in particular of the OMC-report "Innovative instruments to facilitate access to finance for the cultural and creative sectors" and "Access to Finance" as well as other relevant EU policy documents to further help to advance policy-making. The project will link up policy-makers of different levels (EU, national, regional, local) and cultural and creative sectors in co-creative policy making and build on previous peer learning experiences (such as previous FLIP phases and other projects funded under Creative Europe and pilots).

The action aimed to achieve the following results:

- Enhanced skills concerning access to finance for CCIs;
- Recommendations on enhanced value recognition and defending intellectual property of CCIs;
- Enhanced cultural and creative education, skills and readiness for the job market;
- Strengthened trans-national and cross-sectoral cooperation within the cultural and creative sectors and other stakeholders;
- Policy learnings, enhanced learning, skills development, exchanges of experience and cooperation opportunities;
- Stronger connections between policy makers at EU/national/regional/local levels and creative industries and "third places" such as creative hubs, maker spaces, fablabs, cultural centres, community centres or other;
- Enhanced exchanges of experience, learning, skills development and practical testing and cooperation opportunities;
- Facilitation of peer learning and exchange of good practice;
- Improved statistics and data on CCIs, as well as qualitative data;
- Recommendations for further policy making at EU, national, regional and local level.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- Project Kick-off meeting ;
- Opening Conference: October ;
- Website update for FLIP-3, visuals and design;
- Preparatory activities (preparation of surveys, mappings, desk research, conceptualization of fund finder and IP tool).

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations



| Step                               | Date         |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | March 2020   |
| Publication of call for proposals  | June 2020    |
| Closing date of call for proposals | August 2020  |
| Award decision                     | October 2020 |
| Pre-financing payment              | June 2021    |
| Final payment                      | October 2023 |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 1194 adopted on 04 March 2020 sets out the main elements of this preparatory action for 2020. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/culture/sites/default/files/2020-07/eac-s13-2020-call-for-proposals-flip-3\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/culture/sites/default/files/2020-07/eac-s13-2020-call-for-proposals-flip-3_en.pdf)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No legislative proposal to follow up this action is envisaged at this stage.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor  | EUR (maximum) |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| FLIP for CCIs 3 | Goethe-Institut e.V (coordinator), and the European Creative Hubs Network (ECHN), IDEA Consult, 3s Unternehmensberatung and Institut de la propriété intellectuelle Luxembourg (IPIL) | 1 486 635.03  |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements the preparatory action by means of a call for proposals published in the first half of 2020. The maximum possible rate of co-financing of eligible costs shall be 80%. The maximum duration of the project shall be 28 months.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Public or private organisations with a legal personality (natural persons are not eligible to apply).

## 1. Heading

### **PA 07 20 04: Preparatory action — Protecting the Jewish Cemeteries of Europe: a full mapping process with research and monitoring and individual costed proposals for protection**

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 1 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 360 000 | p.m.    | 360 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 1 200 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 360 000 | p.m.    | 360 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

The preparatory action shall extend the work currently carried out within the framework of two preceding Pilot projects: The Pilot project selected following the call EAC/S10/2018 from December 2018, with a period of 18 months, and the Pilot project under the call EAC/S10/2019, aimed at extending the mapping process and raising awareness of the importance of Jewish cultural heritage and cultural diversity of Europe throughout history. Building on the mapping carried out, the action shall examine how the identified Jewish cemeteries can offer opportunities for stronger interactions between various stakeholders interested in the preservation of Jewish burial sites, the representatives of broadly understood cultural and creative sectors, religious and local communities and other potential stakeholders (education institutions, cultural and artistic organizations, NGOs or youth projects). The action shall also explore ways, in which the data collected by the two previous pilot projects can be further used in order to involve additional stakeholders, e.g.: the tech community and start-ups, cultural and creative sectors (incl. entities involved in digital cultural projects), tourism sector or teachers and educators. Types of activities eligible under this call for proposals include study visits, workshops, training activities as well as communication actions. Mapping/surveying Jewish cemeteries is not eligible within the framework of this action.

In February 2021, the Commission published the call for proposals for the Preparatory Action (EAC/S16/2020) with a deadline for submission of proposals of 19 April 2021. The indicative timeline for the procedural steps is as follows: evaluation of proposals in May / June 2021; award and information to applicants in July 2021 and signature of grant agreement in August 2021.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Launch of the call for proposals (done in February 2021) and evaluation of proposals (planned for May/June 2021). Award and information to applicants (planned for July 2021). Signature of grant agreement (planned for August 2021).

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date          |
|--|---------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | March 2020    |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | February 2021 |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | April 2021    |
| Award decision                                       | July 2021     |
| Pre-financing or interim payments                    | August 2021   |
| Final payment  | February 2023 |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020)1194, adopted on 04 March 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/2020-annual-work-programme-implementation-pilot-projects-and-preparatory-actions_en)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                             | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Protecting the Jewish cemeteries of Europe | Not yet known            | 1 200 000     |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends implement the preparatory action by means of a call for proposals, published by the European Commission in February 2021.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public or private organisations with a legal personality (natural persons are not eligible). Call for proposals EAC/S16/2020 is open to consortia of partners only (at least 2).

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 20 05: Preparatory action — Bottom-up policy development for culture and well-being in the Union

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 500 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 500 000,00   | 0,00 | p.m.        | 200 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

The preparatory action shall facilitate the exchange of experience and success stories on the EU level, related to the role of culture for well-being on the local level. The action shall allow mapping existing practices in this regard, including those financed by the European programmes, and building up the capacity of local actors to effectively benefit from culture as a means to increase well-being of local communities and populations.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In 2021, the following activities are foreseen to be implemented for this preparatory action:

- Desk research that will review existing knowledge from European and international research on the relationship between citizens' participation in culture, well-being and health, including digital aspects and the impact of COVID-19;
- A mapping of relevant EU, national, regional and local programmes, initiatives and projects on culture, well-being and health across the European Union.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date       |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | March 2020 |

| Step   | Date           |
|--|----------------|
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | March 2021     |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | May 2021       |
| Award decision                                       | July 2021      |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | September 2021 |
| Final payment  | June 2022      |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 1194 adopted on 04 March 2020 sets out the main elements of this preparatory action for 2019. It is available at the following address:

[Preparatory action - Bottom-up Policy Development for Culture & Well-being in the EU | Culture and Creativity \(europa.eu\)](#)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to the experimental nature of the project.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Bottom-up Policy Development for Culture & Well-being in the EU | Not yet known            | 500 000       |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements the preparatory action by means of a call for proposals published by the European Commission in 2020.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public or private organisations with legal personality (natural persons are not eligible).

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 21 01: Preparatory action — European media platforms

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 6 000 000   | 1 500 000 | p.m.    | 4 784 000 | -100,0 %       | 218,9 % |
| Reserve |              |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 6 000 000   | 1 500 000 | p.m.    | 4 784 000 | -100,0 %       | 218,9 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2021 budget.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The European media sector is struggling to offer accessible, lasting solutions offering alternative sources of access to qualitative and plural news content produced under high technical and professional standards. With a view to contributing to Europe's digital autonomy and a plural media ecosystem, this preparatory action intends to pull together existing technological solutions to setup media platforms capable of improving Union citizens' access to trusted information from across the Union.

The expected results include the setup and development of European media platforms, increasing the available offer of quality information under high standards and values. Secondly, actions should increase citizens' access to quality content in multiple Union languages, representing the different geographic regions. Lastly, they should contribute to creating the underlying conditions to develop a cross-border media public sphere, by improving the circulation and consumption of European news content.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date       |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | April 2021 |

| Step   | Date           |
|--|----------------|
| Publication of call for proposals                    | June 2021      |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2021 |
| Award decision                                       | November 2021  |
| Prefinancing payment                                 | January 2022   |
| Interim payment                                      | September 2022 |
| Final payment  | March 2023     |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its first year.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

News media companies, media technology developers, other organisations active in the media domain.



## 1. Heading

### PA 07 21 02: Preparatory action — A Europe-wide rapid response mechanism for violations of press and media freedom

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 950 000   | 487 500 | p.m.    | 1 560 000 | -100,0 %       | 220,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 950 000   | 487 500 | p.m.    | 1 560 000 | -100,0 %       | 220,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2021 budget.

The Pan-European rapid response mechanism for violations of press and media freedom means to mitigate the consequences of the deterioration of press and media freedom in Member States and candidate countries. It will also provide a systematic monitoring of violations of press and media freedom across the European Union. This mechanism will make violations visible and provide legal and practical support to journalists under threat. It will be carried out in collaboration with European, regional and local stakeholders in the field of media freedom, with the following objectives:

- Design and manage a Europe-wide rapid response mechanism to support media freedom and journalists' safety, covering all EU Member States. Coverage of Candidate Countries will be considered an advantage;
- Provide legal and practical support to journalists and other media practitioners in need, including training; the project will provide legal and practical support to journalists and other media practitioners in need, including safety and cybersecurity training. The project will establish contacts with local/national entities offering practical and legal support to media actors with a view to build a cooperation network;
- Organise advocacy missions to locations where journalists are under threat. The project will have to organise several advocacy missions during the course of the project and remote visits. The project shall also be able to rapidly establish additional missions, should urgent situations emerge;
- Monitor the state of media freedom in the EU Member States and Candidate Countries. The project will monitor the state of media freedom and record threats and alerts in the

EU Member States and Candidate Countries. The project shall also publish regular statistical and in depth analysis on media freedom issues related to thematic or geographical areas. The results of this monitoring will be published online and the database will be made publically available;

- Organise awareness raising campaigns in the field of media freedom and safety of journalists;
- Ensure communication and dissemination activities. Communication and dissemination activities will be an important part of this project.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Drafting and publishing the call for proposals.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                        | <b>Date</b>               |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision     | April 2021                |
| Publication of call for proposals  | November 2021             |
| Closing date of call for proposals | January 2022              |
| Award decision                     | April 2022                |
| Prefinancing or interim payments   | April 2022 / October 2022 |
| Final payment                      | June 2023                 |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021) 3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

- **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Yes, the Commission is preparing a Recommendation on safety of journalists. It also intends to continue this action on the budget of Creative Europe, as violations of press and media freedom are still a reality in certain Member States and Candidate Countries.

#### *5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

#### *5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by a call for proposals.

#### *5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Non-profit organisation (private or public), international organisations, universities, educational institutions, research centres.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 21 03: Preparatory action — Writing European

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 3 000 000   | 750 000 | p.m.    | 1 800 000 | -100,0 %       | 140,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 3 000 000   | 750 000 | p.m.    | 1 800 000 | -100,0 %       | 140,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2021 budget.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

In a context where the audio-visual sector has been severely hit by the COVID-19 outbreak, the purpose of this new action is to support the prompt recovery of the audio-visual sector by supporting the creative process and notably the writing and creation of European TV series projects, which are intended to become future European co-productions. It aims at fostering the collaborative creation process within an intercultural context, bringing creators from different nationalities together. The support should aim for actions with a potential to become future European co-productions, supporting the creation process upstream and bringing creators from different nationalities together. Writing European intends to gear European support to European creative talents to foster cooperation and co-creation. This support should unleash the potential of innovative story telling by supporting the joint creative work of talents from different cultural contexts. International cooperation in scriptwriting becomes more crucial when taking into account the increasing global competition in the audio-visual sector. More cooperation is necessary at European level for this purpose.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step | Date |
|------|------|
|------|------|

| Step   | Date                                 |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | April 2021                           |
| Publication of call for proposals                    | June 2021                            |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | September 2021                       |
| Award decision                                       | November / December 2021             |
| Pre-financing payment                                | January 2022 / beginning 2022        |
| Interim payment                                      | September 2022 / second half of 2022 |
| Final payment  | March 2023 / first half of 2023      |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to it being in its first year.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this pilot project by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, research institutes / academia, media companies, festivals / markets in the field of audio-visual content, foundations / associations, international organisations/associations.

## 1. Heading

### PA 07 21 04: Preparatory action — Emergency support fund for investigative journalists and media organisations to ensure media freedom in the EU

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| Line    |              | 1 800 000   | 450 000 | p.m.    | 1 440 000 | -100,0 %       | 220,0 % |
| Reserve |              |             |         |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   |              | 1 800 000   | 450 000 | p.m.    | 1 440 000 | -100,0 %       | 220,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                          |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 2 - Cohesion, Resilience and Values |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2021 budget.

The aim of this preparatory action is to create an emergency support fund for investigative journalists and media organisations to improve press and media freedom and to prevent violations thereof by supporting the production of quality independent journalistic content in the public interest, including through cross-border cooperation. This preparatory action should build on the previous pilot projects on cross-border investigative journalism fund, which aimed to ensure continued trust in independent media sources and the protection of journalists across the EU by providing EU funding for collaborative investigative journalism in the public interest based on an expert jury model. The action should promote collaborative (including cross-border) projects, which contribute to bottom up change by modifying incentives for ethical and trusted journalism, including through innovative tools and processes. Such projects are particularly important in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis when the capacity for dedicated support of news organisations is limited.

### Intentions for the current year 2021:

This is the first year of preparatory action “Emergency support fund for investigative journalists and media organisations to ensure media freedom in the EU”. Drafting and publishing the call for proposals.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                    |
|--|-------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | April 2021              |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | November 2021           |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | January 2022            |
| Award decision                                       | April 2022              |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | May 2022 / October 2022 |
| Final payment  | June 2023               |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2021)3006, adopted on 4 May 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation for 2021 commitment appropriations.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

The results of the previous projects will be taken into account when preparing, this year, the Commission Recommendation on safety of journalists. However, no legislative proposal will follow, as Creative Europe already provides the basis for financing such projects. In particular, CE work programme 2021 will envisage ‘‘JOURNALISM PARTNERSHIPS’’, Action 2 of which has the following focus.

Professional collaboration can increase efficiency and the quality of reporting. Projects can therefore test original reporting and innovative production methods and formats. Projects can aim to increase exchanges of best practices among journalists and optimise workflows for those journalism genres requiring more time and resources. To this end projects can include events, online trainings and workshops for journalists, collaborative development of guidelines and editorial standards, exchange programmes, online mentoring schemes, financial support to collaborative journalism projects, promotional activities or other activities that aim to uphold quality and diversity of journalism.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of a call for proposals.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Non-profit organisation (private or public), international organisations, universities, educational institutions, research centres.

## 1. Heading

### PA 08 18 01: Preparatory action — Smart rural areas in the 21st century

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|--------|
|         | 0,00         | 689 288,75 | p.m.        | 1 690 000 | p.m.    | 2 777 766 | 0,0 %          | 64,4 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 689 288,75 | p.m.        | 1 690 000 | p.m.    | 2 777 766 | 0,0 %          | 64,4 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018 and 2019 EU budgets.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The preparatory action, covering the 2018 commitment appropriations voted under the 2018 budget, takes the form of a study, for which the contract with an external contractor was signed in December 2019. The general aim of this preparatory action is to provide knowledge, know-how and a framework methodology for developing support schemes for Smart Villages in a wider range of socio-economic contexts. This preparatory action prepares implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post-2020 and complements the previous Smart Eco Social Villages pilot project (2016) and the preparatory action 'Smart rural areas in the 21st century' (2018). The work started in January 2020 and will continue for a period of 2.5 years. The final report is scheduled for June 2022 and its publication in the fourth quarter of 2022.

**Activities implemented:** The methodology and the tools relevant for the project are prepared, including the approach for the selection of the villages, the strategy to select them and the provision of technical support. The awareness-raising and communication campaigns are implemented together with the online platform.

**Deliverables submitted:** The most recent deliverable received is the third one, which was submitted on 17 December 2020.

**Meetings held:** The last Inter-service Steering Group meeting was held on 20 January 2021 following the receipt of the third interim deliverable.

The preparatory action, covering the 2019 commitment appropriations voted under the 2019 budget, takes the form of a study, for which the contract with an external contractor was signed in December 2020. The overall objective of the second part of this Preparatory Action is to prepare the implementation of Smart Villages initiatives through the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post-2020. Taking stock of the already ongoing contract ‘Smart rural areas in the 21st century’, this second part of this preparatory action will provide knowledge, know-how and a framework methodology for developing support schemes for Smart Villages in a wider range of socio-economic contexts with a view to long-term sustainability ambitions, thus in line with the European Green Deal ambitions. It will provide a geo-mapping tool of Smart Village initiatives across Europe and assess the possible contribution to the Farm to Fork Strategy and economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The goal of this second preparatory action is to foster the successful implementation of Smart Village strategies in a number of Member States across the Union. It also sets up a network or a group of sample villages that will be used during roadshows to demonstrate concretely how the transformation of rural villages has taken place. It could also help inform about the implementation of other ESI funds, in particular under the objective to foster local initiatives through the setting-up of an EU Smart Village observatory. The work started in December 2020 and will continue for a period of 3 years. The final report is scheduled for December 2023 and its publication in the first quarter of 2024.

**Deliverables submitted:** First deliverable is due at the end of April 2021.

**Meetings held:** Kick off meeting of the Inter-service Steering Group was held in January 2021.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

The implementation for 2021 is the implementation of the above-mentioned contracts, signed in December 2019 and in December 2020.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                             |
|--|---|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 4 July 2018                             |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 30 July 2019                            |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 23 September 2019                       |
| Award decision                                       | 18 December 2019                        |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | November 2020, June 2021, February 2022 |



| Step          | Date           |
|---------------|----------------|
| Final payment | September 2022 |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date  |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 8 August 2019                                     |
| Publication of call for tender   | 20 August 2020                                    |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 12 October 2020                                   |
| Award decision                   | 8 December 2020                                   |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | September 2021, May 2022, October 2022, June 2023 |
| Final payment                    | March 2024  |

Due to COVID-19, the procurement procedure was delayed compared to the original planning; hence, the final payment would be postponed to March 2024.

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

#### – **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision, adopted on 4 July 2018 (C(2018)4100) and 8 August 2019 (C(2019)5847), set out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following addresses:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=5148>

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=6940>

The award decisions are available at the following addresses:

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:22872-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:634472-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>

The project website is available at the following address:

<https://www.smartrural21.eu/>

#### – **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

This preparatory action is carried out complementarily to the pilot project Smart Eco-Social Villages (started in December 2017, running until April 2019) as well as actions and initiatives under the EU Action for Smart Villages. Regulation 1305/2013 on EAFRD support can also be used for supporting investments in basic services in rural areas, thus helping the concept of Smart Villages to materialize in the Member States.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged as the Preparatory Action will provide policy recommendations on how to better provide support (possibly but not necessarily with recommendations regarding changes of the EU legal framework).

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>  | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Study- Preparatory action — Smart Rural Areas in the 21st Century | Joint tender submitted by: E40 Group European Economic Interest Grouping Hungary, Empirica Gesellschaft für Kommunikations und Technologieforschung Germany, Agricultural University of Athens Greece, Boerenbondvereniging voor innovatieve projecten vzw (Innovatiesteunpunt) Leuven Belgium, eConcept web solutions Limites, Liffey Trust Centre, Dublin Ireland and Institut für Ländliche Strukturforschung (ifls) Frankfurt Germany. | 2 757 155                |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Preparatory Action — Smart Rural Areas in the 21st Century — BIS | Joint tender Smart Rural 21 composed by: E40 Europe KFT, Empirica Gesellschaft Für Kommunikations Und Technologieforschung Mbh, Geoponiko Panepistimion Athinon, Highclere Consulting Srl, Réseau Européen Pour Des Initiatives Communautaires Sur Les Changements Climatiques Et Le Développement Durable. | 3 497 972                |

5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The preparatory action has been implemented by means of two open calls for tenders.

5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers

## 1. Heading

### PA 08 20 01: Preparatory action — Charter of Good Practices for Cruises

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | -73,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 750 000 | p.m.    | 200 000 | 0,0 %          | -73,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The preparatory action aims to devise a “Charter of good practices for a sustainable cruise tourism”. The Charter will comprise recommendations to promote sustainable cruise tourism that contributes to the European Green Deal. The recommendations will be based on a comprehensive sustainability assessment of cruise tourism. The results of previous cruise dialogues with cruise tourism stakeholders, including cruise lines, local tourism operators, port authorities, and municipal / regional administrations organised by the European Commission will be integrated. The cruise dialogues involved all cruise industry players, including local tourism operators, port authorities, municipal / regional administrations, and cruise operators.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

Following the signature of the contract with the consortium Deloitte / Ramboll at the end of 2020, the real contractual implementation was launched at the beginning of 2021. A draft Charter, good practices and recommendations will be presented to leading cruise tourism stakeholders (Cruise lines, ports, tourism organisations, municipalities / regions) for discussion at the second Pan-European Cruise Dialogue to be held in Brussels on 1 March 2022.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                           | Date                           |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision | 28 April 2020                  |
| Award decision                 | 19 October 2020                |
| Interim payments               | In the course of 2021 and 2022 |
| Final payment                  | Fourth quarter of 2022         |

### 5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Decision C(2020)2588 from 28 April 2020, set out the main elements of the action and the expected implementation.

A contract with the consortium Deloitte / Ramboll was signed on 19 October 2020. The service contract will run over 24 months.

The budget for this conference to be organised at the end of the period of implementation was transferred to for implementation; the financial commitment was completed in December 2020.

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged due to the nature of the activities.

### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Service contract   | Deloitte / Ramboll       | 500 000       |
| Delegation of budget to DG SCIC – organisation of conference | Not known yet            | 500 000       |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission is implementing this preparatory action by means of service contracts.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers

## 1. Heading

### PA 09 18 01: Preparatory action — Operationalising capacity building for programmatic development and mapping objectives in the field of environmental taxation and budgetary reform

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      |             |         |         |         |                |        |
| Line    | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 135 000 | p.m.    | 243 370 | 0,0 %          | 80,3 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 0,00         | 0,00 | p.m.        | 135 000 | p.m.    | 243 370 | 0,0 %          | 80,3 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations were voted for this preparatory action under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The preparatory action builds on the successful 2015 pilot project entitled 'Capacity building, programmatic development, and communication in the field of environmental taxation and budgetary reform' (in operation in 2016-2017) and aims at putting its conclusions into action by:

- developing guidance to the stakeholders (including tool-kits) to achieve a higher level of their participation in environmental taxation domain,
- following the thematic areas from the 2015 pilot, mapping implementation gaps in Member States that could be addressed by introduction of economic instruments, proposing a design of such instruments for at least 2 areas in each Member State,
- identification of areas where costs are not covered, triggering environmentally harmful behaviours and where their reform would be necessary. Subsidies' analysis follows the areas tackled in the 2015 project, and includes an analysis of the consequences of their reform.

All the above-mentioned actions will be supported by numerous workshops aiming to achieve a wide consultation with stakeholders, build capacity among them, especially as regards the subsidies part, and get a broad feedback from them. The main emphasis is on providing the appropriate guidance and information to the stakeholders, civil society actors and decision-

makers in the field to be more and better informed and equipped for/in the policy procedures. It should be noted that the scope of the project was adapted to the reduction of the amount assigned to this pilot project in comparison to the initial proposal (from 1 000 000 EUR to 750 000 EUR).

The contract for the preparatory action voted under the 2018 budget was signed in March 2019 with a consortium of companies led by the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). The contract covers a period of maximum 20 months from its date of entry into force. An inception report fine-tuning the methodological approach was accepted in the autumn 2019. A first interim report was delivered in November 2019, providing an assessment of gaps in implementation of the EU environmental policy / legislation in the selected policy areas in the individual Member States. It also provided a preliminary overview of existing economic instruments in the selected policy areas. In 2020, the contractor has delivered the second and a draft of the third interim reports. The second interim report provided an assessment of existing economic instruments, a preliminary design of two economic instruments per Member State and modelling results of impacts of implementation of these instruments. It also presents an EU level scenario, assessing impacts of introducing of a set of economic instruments across the EU. The third interim report provides an assessment of the current state of play of internalisation of external environmental costs. A conference on Greening Taxation, organised digitally on 4 February 2021, presented the preliminary findings of the third progress report. Three further workshops took place in March 2021. Two of them will build on the second progress report, engaging stakeholders in the discussion on the design of economic instruments. The third workshop will be dedicated to the discussion of the guidance to stakeholders how to get involved in the related policymaking. Results of these workshops will inform a (draft) final report, including the guidelines for stakeholders. The final report delivering on the objectives of the study, including the guidelines to stakeholders, reflecting the feedback received during the workshops and conference is expected for April-May 2021. This means nearly half a year delay against the initial planning, caused largely by the COVID-19 crisis and unfortunate changes in the consultant team due to long-term sickness of two leading team members.

The preparatory action voted under the 2019 budget will look into various types of subsidies where reforms would be important for greening the economy, including grants, tax exemptions (e.g. corporate taxes) and subsidised loans, together with modelling analysis for issues such as optimum design and compensation for those who lose out as a result of subsidy reform. This, in combination with results of the other phase of the preparatory action, would allow providing an appropriate guidance and information to the stakeholders, civil society actors and decision-makers in the field to be more and better informed and equipped for/in the policy procedures at local, regional, national and European levels. Combining focus and results of both preparatory actions will allow for efficiency gains by expanding the scope while avoiding duplications between the preparatory actions. As for the preparatory action voted under the 2019 budget, the procurement procedure was launched under the Framework Contract ENV.F.1/FRA/2019/0001 on 9 September 2020. The contract was signed on 30 November 2020 (lasting maximum 15 months) with a consortium led by RPA Europe srl. The project is set up in a way to complement results of the preparatory action voted under the 2018 budget. A kick off meeting with an inter-service steering group took place on 13 January 2021. On 15 February 2021, the contractor submitted an inception report setting the methodological framework for the study, which is currently being finalised.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

With regard to the action voted under the 2018 budget, three workshops took place in March 2021 (as described above). Their results will inform a (draft) final report, including the guidelines for stakeholders how to get involved in the related policymaking. The final report delivering on the objectives of the study, including the guidelines to stakeholders, reflecting the feedback received during the final workshops and conference is expected for April-May 2021. With regard to the action voted under the 2019 budget, a first interim report will provide results of the preliminary mapping of environmentally harmful subsidies in the EU. This report is expected in April 2021. This will feed into analysis of the environmentally harmful subsidies and impacts of their phase out. Two workshops will gather stakeholders' feedback on the preliminary results and suggestions for phasing out of the environmentally harmful subsidies. One will take place in spring, the other in the autumn 2021. These will feed into another interim report expected in the autumn 2021. The final deliverables are expected in February 2022.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                     | <b>Date</b>       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 25 July 2018      |
| Publication of call for tender  | 29 September 2018 |
| Closing date of call for tender | 26 October 2018   |
| Award decision                  | 21 March 2019     |
| Interim payments                | 2019, 2021        |
| Final payment                   | 2021              |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                     | <b>Date</b>       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision  | 11 June 2019      |
| Publication of call for tender  | 09 September 2020 |
| Closing date of call for tender | 12 October 2020   |
| Award decision                  | 25 November 2020  |
| Interim payments                | 2021              |
| Final payment                   | 2022              |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

For the 2018 appropriations, the Commission Financing Decision C(2018)4801 adopted on 25 July 2018 sets out the main elements of the preparatory action.

The call for tender ENV.F.1/SER/2018/0026 and the contract award notice are published on the Europa website at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2018\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2018_en.htm)

[A conference took place on 4 February 2021. The recording is available at: https://ec.europa.eu/environment/events/conference-green-taxation-build-fairer-more-resilient-economies\\_en#:~:text=The%20conference%20%E2%80%9CGreen%20Taxation%20to,undertaken%20for%20the%20European%20Commission.](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/events/conference-green-taxation-build-fairer-more-resilient-economies_en#:~:text=The%20conference%20%E2%80%9CGreen%20Taxation%20to,undertaken%20for%20the%20European%20Commission.)

For the 2019 appropriations, the Commission Financing Decision C(2019)4121 adopted on 11 June 2019 sets out the main elements for the implementation of the preparatory action voted under the 2019 budget.

The tender and the contract award notice are published on the Europa website at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/funding/calls2019_en.htm)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged as the scope of the preparatory action covers instruments that are largely in the competence of Member States. The two toolkits / guidance to stakeholders how to engage in the reform of the implementation of economic instruments, including a phase out of the environmentally harmful subsidies, already provide a valuable output respecting the principle of subsidiarity and proportionality. Final reports of both studies will provide a very useful input into the European Semester and EU level discussion on greening taxation.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>   | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Mapping Objectives in the Field of Environmental Taxation and Budgetary Reform: Internalisation of Environmental External Costs | Institute for European Environmental, Policy AISBL, DCE Aarhus University, ENT Environment & Management, Trinomics BV | 739 264,40           |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|



|   |                |            |
|---|----------------|------------|
| Mapping objectives in the field of environmental taxation and budgetary reform: Environmentally harmful subsidies | RPA Europe SRL | 405 450,00 |
|---|----------------|------------|

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements these preparatory actions by means of calls for tenders.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Policy makers, civil society.

## 1. Heading

### PA 09 20 01: Preparatory action — EU pollinator monitoring and indicators

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |           |         |           |                |       |
| Line    | 5 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 500 000 | p.m.    | 1 500 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 5 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 1 500 000 | p.m.    | 1 500 000 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this Preparatory Action is to support the deployment of an EU-wide monitoring scheme for wild insect pollinators in Member States. As stipulated in the EU Pollinators Initiative (COM/2018/395 final), the collection of generation of robust data and information through systematic monitoring is critical for building a robust evidence base – a key prerequisite for effective development, implementation and evaluation of pollinator conservation actions. This will enable construction of a number of indicators through which impacts of various environmental, agricultural and other policies on pollinators could be tracked. The Preparatory Action will support the Member States in the implementation of a common EU methodology for monitoring pollinators. The latter is set to ensure comprehensive and harmonized data collection across the EU, using standardised monitoring techniques. Specifically, this Preparatory Action will support testing and piloting of the EU Pollinator Monitoring Scheme<sup>21</sup> and indicators as proposed by the pollinator expert group that the Commission mandated in the context of Action 1 of the EU Pollinators Initiative. It will also raise capacity in EU Member States for the full implementation of the scheme in 2023.

Activities under this Preparatory Action will:

- Expand the European butterfly Monitoring Scheme to 27 EU Member States;
- Build up citizen science networks on pollinators;

<sup>21</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/proposal-eu-pollinator-monitoring-scheme>

- Build monitoring capacity across the EU through basic and advanced taxonomic trainings;
- Pilot the EU Pollinator Monitoring Scheme in all EU Member States;
- Support fine-tuning of the EU Pollinator Monitoring Scheme methodology;
- Test complementary modules of the EU Pollinator Monitoring Scheme for moths and wider insect biodiversity;
- Support strong communication activities to engage stakeholders in the implementation of the Preparatory Action, and disseminate and promote its results.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

To award the contract and launch the project on the ground

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step   | Date                        |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 04 August 2020              |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | 11 December 2020            |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | 01 February 2021            |
| Award decision                                       | 15 April 2021               |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | 2022 [two interim payments] |
| Final payment  | 2023                        |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C (2020)5200 adopted on 04 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

The Open Call to tender ENV/2020/OP/0040 has been launched. The Call documents are available at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm) and <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=7618>

The award decision will be published at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Yes, but insufficiently. In the context of the Habitats Directive, Member States should monitor and report the conservation status of protected pollinator species. However, only a few dozen pollinator species, out of thousands, are listed in the directive’s annexes.

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is yet envisaged. The Preparatory Action will start in May 2021 and will last for 30 months. However, the EU Pollinator Monitoring Scheme is a critical element in operationalising the target to reverse the decline of pollinators under the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. This target will be considered by the Commission in the preparation of a proposal for legally binding EU nature restoration targets during 2021.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

**– 2020 commitment appropriations**

| <b>Title / Action</b>  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>   | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| <b>ENV/2020/OP/0040</b><br>Preparatory Action for EU Pollinator Monitoring Scheme and Indicators | A consortium of contractors led by Helmholtz UFZ (Zentrum für Umweltforschung GmbH) | 5 000 000                |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of call for tender.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, and non-governmental organizations

## 1. Heading

### PA 09 20 02: Preparatory action — Environmental monitoring through honey bees

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |           | 2022 DB |           | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|         |              |      |             |           |         |           |                |       |
| Line    | 3 000 000,00 | 0,00 | 2 000 000   | 1 400 000 | p.m.    | 1 500 000 | -100,0 %       | 7,1 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |           |         |           | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 3 000 000,00 | 0,00 | 2 000 000   | 1 400 000 | p.m.    | 1 500 000 | -100,0 %       | 7,1 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 and the 2021 budgets.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

This Preparatory Action aims to contribute towards a more robust collection of environmental data, in regards to pollutants and plant diversity across landscapes. Better data and information on pollution exposure and diffusion in the environment, including at landscape level, will enable generation of valuable evidence for effective development, implementation and evaluation of EU policies across various areas: environmental protection (nature, air, water, and soil), agriculture, public health and food safety, plant and animal health. The objective of this Preparatory Action is to develop, test and deploy a tool for collecting such environmental data with the help of honeybees and bee products. This monitoring approach utilizes citizen scientists, in particular from the beekeeping community. Honeybees are known as good bio-indicators, and are already used to measure the quality of the environment. The Preparatory Action will build on the ongoing Pilot Project “Insignia: a citizen science protocol for honeybee colony as bio-sampler for pesticides”, and will in particular support the following activities:

- Expansion of the monitoring protocol - currently developed by the Insignia project - to environmental pollutants beyond pesticides, in particular heavy metals and air pollutants, and test it;
- Analysis of correlations between presence of pollutants in beehives and in the surrounding environment;
- Analysis of correlations between pollen composition in beehives and plant diversity in the surrounding environment;
- Adjustment of the monitoring protocol based on further insights;

- Preparation of the deployment of the protocol (survey) by exploring cost-effective and statistically robust sampling approaches across different land uses. Explore avenues to minimize costs of transporting and analysing samples;
- Setting up necessary IT infrastructure;
- Setting up a robust sampling network (colonies) and training courses for citizens/beekeepers;
- Execution of the monitoring protocol;
- Analysis of the samples.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

An open call for tender is expected to be launched in the second quarter of 2021. The project is expected to start by November 2021.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>               |
|--|---------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 04 August 2020            |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Second quarter of of 2021 |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021     |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021    |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | 2022 and 2023             |
| Final payment  | 2024                      |

- 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                  |
|--|------------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision                       | 24 March 2021 - C(2021) 1856 |
| Publication of call for proposals / call for tender  | Second quarter of of 2021    |
| Closing date of call for proposals / call for tender | Third quarter of 2021        |
| Award decision                                       | Fourth quarter of 2021       |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                     | 2022 and 2023                |
| Final payment  | 2024                         |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

**– Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

For the 2020 appropriations, the Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)5200 adopted on 04 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

For the 2021 appropriations, the Commission Financing Decision, C(2021)1856 adopted on 24 March 2021, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

The Call documents as well as the award decision will be available at the following address:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

**– Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

**– At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

Since 2021 is the first year of implementation, these details are not yet known.

*5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Call for tender       | Not yet known                   | 3 000 000            |

– 2021 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b> | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Call for tender       | Not yet known                   | 2 000 000            |

*5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission intends to implement this preparatory action by means of call for tender.

*5.6 Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, and non-governmental organizations.

## 1. Heading

### PA 09 20 03: Preparatory action — Measuring the pulse of European biodiversity using the Red List Index

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |        |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|
|         |              |      | p.m.        |         | p.m.    |         |                |        |
| Line    | 2 285 981,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 720 000 | p.m.    | 685 795 | 0,0 %          | -4,8 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %  |
| Total   | 2 285 981,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | 720 000 | p.m.    | 685 795 | 0,0 %          | -4,8 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this Preparatory Action is to evaluate the changes in biodiversity status in Europe, at the EU and Pan-European scale, by updating existing European Red Lists. This will provide a valuable evidence to the evaluation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, and the development of its post-2020 follow-up. The conservation status of animal and plant species is one of the most important indicators for assessing the condition of ecosystems and their biodiversity. The Preparatory Action will reassess the conservation status of taxa covered by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, notably vertebrates (mammals, amphibians, reptiles, freshwater fishes), invertebrates (non-marine molluscs, butterflies, saproxylic beetles, dragonflies and bees), plants (vascular and medicinal). This will provide evidence on genuine changes in extinction risk of those species. IUCN Red List Index is a widely accepted metric for measuring changes in extinction risk. The Preparatory Action will use this metric to estimate the aggregate extinction risk for the covered taxa at the EU and Pan-European scales.

Activities supported by the Preparatory Action will:

- Mobilize knowledge networks and build expert capacity (organization of workshops);
- Collect the necessary information for the reassessment;
- Reassess the conservation status of species;



- Synthesize the species reassessments per taxa and update the European Red List assessments;
- Compile conservation successes and failures, and apply the ‘Assess to Act’ Framework (multispecies conservation approaches);
- Update the EEA Biodiversity Data Centre;
- Prepare publications (European Red List Publication, brochures).

A call for tender was launched was be launched in the third quarter of 2020. The project started on 30 December 2020, date of the signature of the contract.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Due to a change in the project coordinator, IUCN had to hire a new expert to manage the project with equivalent qualifications. Therefore, the kick-off meeting has been postponed to April 2021 together with the adoption of the draft inception report.

#### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

- 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                      | <b>Date</b>       |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 04 August 2020    |
| Publication of call for tender   | 07 September 2020 |
| Closing date of call for tender  | 15 October 2020   |
| Award decision                   | 30 December 2020  |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | 2022 and 2023     |
| Final payment                    | 2024              |

#### *5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)5200 adopted on 04 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

Call documents are available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

The award decision will be available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

- **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

Yes, but only partially. Under the Habitats Directives, Member States have the obligation to provide every six years the conservation status assessment of the species and habitats of Community interest listed in the annexes. However, these do not cover all species and habitats groups, and thus a comprehensive assessment is needed periodically (every 10

years). The outcomes of this assessment is directly contributing to the Red List Index, which is one of the key biodiversity indicators for EU policy (cf. SEBI 02). It is also one of the global biodiversity indicators adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

This will depend on whether legally binding restoration targets are adopted under the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action  | Beneficiary / Contractor                                    | EUR (maximum) |
|---|---|---------------|
| Providing Technical and Scientific Support in Measuring the Pulse of European Biodiversity Using the Red List Index | UICN, Bureau de Représentation auprès de l’Union Européenne | 2 285 981     |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of call for tender.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, non-governmental organizations

## 1. Heading

### PA 09 20 04: Preparatory action — Promoting alternatives to animal testing

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         |              |            |             |         |         |         |                |         |
| Line    | 1 800 000,00 | 320 000,00 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | 0,0 %          | 140,0 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 1 800 000,00 | 320 000,00 | p.m.        | 250 000 | p.m.    | 600 000 | 0,0 %          | 140,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The preparatory action builds from the results of 2016 Pilot project PP 09 17 06 “Promoting alternatives to animal testing”. It aims at facilitating the uptake of existing alternatives; the development and validation of new alternatives; fostering exchanges of information, knowledge and best practices, and providing tools for education and training to incorporate the Three 'R's<sup>22</sup> into the curricula of current and future researchers. Some activities will be fine-tuned after the finalisation of the current pilot deliverables, to ensure optimum benefits from this preparatory action. Based on the results so far, four objectives are defined for this preparatory action:

- To develop further open access (on-line) eLearning modules on areas where harmonisation of approaches is critically needed to ensure full implementation of the Three Rs in line with the Directive's objectives with a specific focus on continued professional development. The results of the review of the Directive<sup>23</sup> and its first implementation report<sup>24</sup> will guide the identification of topics, inter alia. The areas identified so far include modules targeting inspectors and members of Animal Welfare

<sup>22</sup> Replace, Reduce and Refine the use of animals for scientific purposes (Directive 2010/63/EU - OJ L 276, 20.10.2010, p. 33–79)

<sup>23</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1510219889073&uri=COM:2017:631:FIN>

<sup>24</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1581689520921&uri=CELEX:52020DC0015>

Bodies; in addition, EU modules<sup>25</sup> covering levels 1 and 2 of ethics and the Three Rs, and species specific modules for the theory on basic and appropriate biology, animal care, health and management covering, as a minimum, rodents, rabbits and fish.

- To make harmonised assessment resources centrally available as a prerequisite for competent and continuously trained staff across the EU. Further, strengthen the Education and Training Platform for Laboratory Animal Science (ETPLAS), which pools together Member State authorities, course providers and course accreditors. ETPLAS databases established under the current Pilot for assessment tools should be expanded to cover other key modules and function groups under the Directive in line with the EU Education and Training Framework guidance.
- To implement a comprehensive set of educational material developed to integrate the 3Rs into curricula and teaching programmes at high schools and universities. The aim is to undertake a series of outreach activities to disseminate and promote the guidance, learning scenarios (lesson plans) and teaching resources produced under the current Pilot project, but also to discuss how to best integrate this material into the existing education, at what levels and in which subjects. The intention is to engage educational authorities in Member States as well as major networks of educators and institutions such as European Schoolnet (high school level) and LERU (University level). This activity should also result in the development of additional teaching resources fulfilling needs identified in the integration exercise, and a more specified guidance including a complete view of a continuous and coherent education spread over several years and classes. The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) that incorporates the EU Reference Laboratory for alternatives to animal testing (EURL ECVAM) will undertake this objective.
- To carry out a feasibility study on the development of a knowledge sharing framework in the area of non-animal models and methods used in biomedical research and testing, to foster collaboration and innovation and to accelerate their uptake across disciplines and sectors. This will draw from the results of two recent JRC (EURL ECVAM) projects on the identification and collection of non-animal models and methods in seven disease areas, and the BeAMS initiative to promote more cross-disciplinary approaches in bioscience<sup>26</sup>. Target groups for this knowledge-sharing framework will include biomedical scientists in academia and industry, regulatory toxicologists, SME method developers, publishers, funding bodies, scientific societies and non-governmental organisations, such as patient, consumer and animal welfare organisations. The study will explore optimal configurations of knowledge sources, digital infrastructure and social-epistemological processes that could underpin an impactful, scalable and sustainable means for sharing knowledge on non-animal models and methods used in science. The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) that incorporates the EU Reference Laboratory for alternatives to animal testing (EURL ECVAM) will undertake this objective.

The Preparatory Action will be implemented through:

- From one to three procurement contracts for the production of interactive eLearning training modules (objective 1);
- A grant to the Education and Training Platform for Laboratory Animal Science, ETPLAS (objective 2);

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<sup>25</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab\\_animals/pdf/guidance/education\\_training/en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab_animals/pdf/guidance/education_training/en.pdf)

<sup>26</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/news/bridging-silos-biosciences>

- A sub- or co-delegation to the JRC (objectives 3 and 4).

In 2020, due to the disturbances to the planned work programme and face-to-face meetings caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of activities under the previous EU Pilot, PP 09 17 06 “Promoting alternatives to animal testing”, were significantly delayed. In reference to objective one, of the six eModules, four have been completed but the two final ones are expected to be delivered by 20 June 2021. The procurements under this Preparatory Action were therefore not yet launched pending the completion of the deliverables under the Pilot. Similarly, in reference to objective two, the current grant agreement was extended until 15 July 2021. As a result, a new grant is expected to be launched following the completion of the current grant. Objective three and four, of which the previous tasks under the pilot had already been completed, continue as detailed below. The JRC activities *vis-à-vis* secondary schools were discussed and defined in the latter part of 2020 as tasks under the pilot were being finalised (now all are finalised) The necessary administrative procedure was launched to engage a contractor to further the work *on* secondary schools and Three Rs education. The contractor engaged is [European Schoolnet](#), an organisation with extensive experience in engaging with teachers and education ministries.

Relevant milestones for secondary education (Objective 3):

- Establishment of contract in Q1 2021 to end December 2022;
- Kick-off meeting 25 February 2021;
- Graphic design for entire project completed;
- Launch of a STEM discovery campaign in March which includes a Three Rs learning scenarios competition for teachers;
- Revision of MOOC material ongoing.

Relevant milestones for university education (Objective 3):

- An internal team at EURL ECVAM has been created to discuss facilitating outreach and exchange between education practitioners at university level, EU-wide and beyond.

Relevant milestones for knowledge sharing on alternative methods (Objective 4):

- Three interlinked activities are planned to explore knowledge sharing strategies in methods and models. The activities are:
  - Social media audit on the performance of methods and models key players. The study should be concluded within six months from starting. This is planned to be done through a framework contract and the procurement has started.
  - Identification of Knowledge Sharing successful activities. This study will be procured for one year and will cover two of the activities: i) metanalysis of the 3Rs Knowledge Sharing library; ii) collection and analysis of successful online activities being developed during the last year, applicable to the field. The study will be done through a low value negotiated contract. The contract is in the finalization process and it will be launched in the upcoming 1-2 months.
  - Profiling and characterization of the different methods and models stakeholders or Personas. This study has already started and is being performed by a Social Scientist. Although this activity is out of the budget of this action, it will complement the other mentioned activities.

**Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- Objective 1: the launch and signing of the procurements for the production of further eLearning modules
- Objective 2: discussion on the proposed content and signing of the grant for ETPLAS
- Objective 3: for secondary schools an inception report is the next expected deliverable; finalisation of the four MOOC modules; creation of Three R Leading Teacher Panel for the project; launch of MOOC promotion campaign in May 2021; launch of MOOC on 13 September 2021; and collection of further Three Rs learning scenarios. University deliverables in 2021 will include an establishment by EURL ECVAM of a ‘university network’, with terms of reference and a first meeting of the network involving university representatives where best practice in disseminating and teaching the Three Rs and provision of supporting tools and measures will be discussed.
- Objective 4: the launch and signing of the procurements is expected in the upcoming months. Four different reports that will map the different methods and models stakeholders and key players, their preferred way of communicating as well as successful ways to share knowledge. Two of the four reports are expected to be concluded still in 2021.

*5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>  | <b>Date</b>                            |
|--|--|
| Adoption of financing decision                                       | 04 August 2020                         |
| Publication of call for tender                                       | Second quarter of 2021                 |
| Closing date of call for tender                                      | Third quarter of 2021                  |
| Award decision   | Fourth quarter of 2021                 |
| Prefinancing or interim payments                                     | 2022 and 2023                          |
| Final payment  | 2024                                   |
| Signature of the grant agreement                                     | Third quarter / fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Pre-financings   | 2021                                   |
| Final payment  | 2024                                   |
| Signature of the administrative agreement with Joint Research Centre | September 2020                         |
| Interim payments   | 2020 and 2022                          |
| Final payment  | 2023                                   |

*5.3 Documentation and expected results*

- **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)5200 adopted on 04 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation.

The Call documents and the award decision will be available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

At this stage, no follow up is envisaged due to the early stage of this preparatory action. For example, objective 3 is to increase dissemination of the Three Rs as a secondary school subject and reach out to education decision makers with the results of the work. Decisions on fixing the Three Rs into curricula and education programmes lie with the Member States, and objective 4 is to carry out a feasibility study and thus any potential further follow up would be dependent on the outcomes and findings of such a study.

#### 5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                  | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b>                                      | <b>EUR (maximum)</b> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Administrative agreement               | Joint Research Centre  | 800 000              |
| Direct Grant without call for proposal | Education & Training Platform for Laboratory Animal Science (ETPLAS) | 300 000              |
| Call for tender                        | Not yet known  | 700 000              |

#### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of a call for tender, a grant without call for proposal, and an administrative agreement.

#### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Private companies / service providers, public service providers, research institutes / academia, media companies, and foundations

## 1. Heading

### PA 09 20 05: Preparatory action — Creation of a European drought resilience and adaptation observatory

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

|         | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Line    | 1 500 000,00 | 250 000,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 850 000 | 0,0 %          |       |
| Reserve |              |            |             |      |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 1 500 000,00 | 250 000,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 850 000 | 0,0 %          |       |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                            |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 3 - Natural Resources and Environment |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The Water Framework Directive (WFD), adopted in 2000, provided the first coherent legal tool at EU level to address, amongst others, droughts and water scarcity by requiring long-term planning of water resources, economic tools to incentivise efficient use of water resources and specific measures on water abstraction and water efficiency. The strategic approach has since been taken forward with a 2007 Commission Communication on water scarcity and droughts and its reviews (2008, 2009, and 2010). The European Drought Observatory (EDO) was initiated by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) in 2008 and since 2018 is part of the Copernicus Emergency Management Service (CEMS), providing up-to-date information on the evolution, occurrence and forecasting of droughts in Europe. An in-depth policy assessment of the EU policies on water scarcity and droughts was carried out for the 2012 Blueprint. A number of follow up activities addressing better quantitative water management have been carried out within the Common Implementation Strategy for the implementation of the WFD and the FD. In particular guidance on ecological flows (2015), guidance on water balances (2015) and the EU Regulation on water reuse (came into force in 2020 and to be implemented as of June 2023) have been prepared. Climate change is expected to worsen the impacts of already existing stresses on water, as changes in precipitation, combined with rising temperatures, will cause significant changes in the quality and availability of water resources. The set-up of a network of drought early warning systems as well as addressing drought risks and impacts will



contribute to the process of better adaptation to climate change. The Administrative Agreement with the JRC was signed in December 2020 and since then the JRC-EDO works intensively on the Call for Tenders and on the development of a network of Drought Observatories in the EU and linking national observatories to the EDO.

### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

Following the adoption of the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change on 24 February 2021, the JRC-EDO work will intensify in particular in relation to building its capacity on resilience and adaptation to droughts.

The main objectives are:

- Development of a network of Drought Observatories in the EU and linking national observatories to EDO. Namely, the establishment of guidelines for the functioning of the network, development of data sharing protocols, support MS in the establishment/improvement of their own Drought Observatories and linking the MS drought observatories that adhere to the EDO network;
- Research and development to improve EDO regarding drought risk assessment and drought impact database considering different sectors;
- Launch of the Open Call for tenders in the first quarter of 2021 and implementation of the contract;
- JRC engagement in the Informal Environment Council in April 2021, which the PT Presidency focuses on water challenges in the context of adaptation to climate change;
- Support in defining the future work programme on droughts and water scarcity within the Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) for the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive;
- Participation in relevant meetings of the CIS and relevant workshops.

### *5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| <b>Step</b>                               | <b>Date</b>            |
|---|------------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision            | 04 August 2020         |
| Publication of call for tender            | Second quarter of 2021 |
| Closing date of call for tender           | Third quarter of 2021  |
| Award decision                            | Fourth quarter of 2021 |
| Interim payments                          | 2022                   |
| Final payment                             | 2023                   |
| Signature of the Administrative agreement | December 2020          |
| Interim payments                          | 2020                   |
| Final payment                             | 2022                   |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

#### – Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?

The Commission Financing Decision, C(2020)5200 adopted on 04 August 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. The Call documents are available at the following address: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

The award decision will be available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/calls_en.htm)

#### – Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?

No

#### – At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?

No follow-up is envisaged as the existing legislation, namely the Water Framework Directive provides a suitable framework for dealing with water scarcity and droughts. Moreover, the recent adoption of the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change provides a comprehensive policy framework for the next years. The 2019 Fitness check of the water acquis concluded that the WFD, its daughter Directives and the FD are largely fit for purpose. All Directives have led to a higher level of protection for water bodies and flood risk management than could have been expected without them. The fact that the WFD's objectives have not been reached fully yet is not due to a deficiency in the legislation, however, largely it is due to insufficient funding, slow implementation and insufficient integration of environmental objectives in sectoral policies. As for future challenges, the Fitness check finds that the Water Framework Directive is sufficiently prescriptive with regard to the pressures to be addressed, and yet flexible enough to reinforce its implementation as necessary with regard to emerging challenges not explicitly mentioned in the Directive, such as climate change and water scarcity.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action           | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Administrative Agreement | Joint Research Centre    | 500 000       |
| Call for tender          | Not yet known            | 1 000 000     |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of a call for tender and an administrative agreement.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Private companies / service providers and public service providers

## 1. Heading

### PA 12 20 01: Preparatory action — EU-coordinated Darknet monitoring to counter criminal activities

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |      | 2021 Budget |      | 2022 DB |            | Var(2022/2021) |       |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------|------|---------|------------|----------------|-------|
|         | 2 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 400 000,00 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Reserve |              |      |             |      |         |            | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |
| Total   | 2 000 000,00 | 0,00 | p.m.        | p.m. | p.m.    | 400 000,00 | 0,0 %          | 0,0 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF               |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 5 - Security and Defence |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2020 budget.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The objective of this preparatory action is to contribute to ensuring a high level of security in the Union through crime prevention, combating cross-border, serious and organised crime and reinforcing coordination and cooperation between law enforcement authorities and other national authorities of Member States, including with Europol, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drugs Addiction (EMCDDA) or other relevant Union bodies.

Through an administrative arrangement, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is expected to provide support in the development of EU-coordinated Darknet monitoring to counter criminal activities. The preparatory action aims to develop software and potentially hardware for efficient Darknet monitoring at EU level, which would be made available to the EU's and the Member States' law enforcement and judicial authorities, together with training and assistance in coordination and capacity building for joint European Darknet monitoring.

The preparatory action was signed in November 2020.

#### Intentions for the current year 2021:

The Administrative Arrangement with the JRC was signed in April 2021. Several internal meetings were held with the JRC. The transfer of EUR 800 000 in payment appropriations has been processed in April 2021.

### 5.2 Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date                 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 19 November 2020     |
| Award decision                   | 21 April 2021        |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | June 2021, June 2022 |
| Final payment                    | April 2023           |

### 5.3 Documentation and expected results

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

The Commission Financing Decision C(2020) 7942 final, adopted on 19 November 2020, sets out the main elements of the implementation. It is available at the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/index.cfm?fuseaction=list&n=10&adv=0&coteId=&year=&number=&dateFrom=&dateTo=&serviceId=&documentType=&title=Darknet&titleLanguage=&titleSearch=EXACT&sortBy=NUMBER&sortOrder=DESC>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up with a legislative proposal is envisaged at this stage due to the early phase of the implementation.

### 5.4 Type of activities financed, number and amounts

– 2020 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action   | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Administrative Arrangement 2021:<br>Administrative Arrangement with the JRC - “Development of an EU-coordinated Darknet monitoring to counter criminal activities” | Joint Research Centre    | 2 000 000     |

### 5.5 Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of an administrative arrangement.

### 5.6 Types of beneficiaries

Public institution / research institute.

## 1. Heading

### PA 20 18 01: Preparatory action — Linked open data in European public administration

## 2. Figures

Voted Appropriations in €

| Line    | 2020 Outturn |            | 2021 Budget |         | 2022 DB |         | Var(2022/2021) |         |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
|         | 0,00         | 498 212,83 | p.m.        | 610 089 | p.m.    | 100 000 | 0,0 %          | -83,6 % |
| Reserve |              |            |             |         |         |         | 0,0 %          | 0,0 %   |
| Total   | 0,00         | 498 212,83 | p.m.        | 610 089 | p.m.    | 100 000 | 0,0 %          | -83,6 % |

## 3. Budgetary characteristics

| Type of expenditure | New | Heading FF                         |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| DA                  | NO  | 7 - European Public Administration |

## 4. Legal basis

Preparatory action

## 5. Financial incidence

### 5.1 Objectives

Commitment appropriations for this preparatory action were voted under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

#### Objectives followed during 2020 and previous years' implementation:

The aim of the preparatory action 'Linked open data in European public administration' is to identify, assess and support the exploitation of the potential of linked open data (LOD) for European public administrations, enhance the active and passive use of open data by linking it and, consequently, facilitate the generation of new data, information and knowledge. The action will concretely demonstrate the power of data integration for information purposes and help public administrations in Europe move towards enabling the 'web of data' for knowledge generation. In 2018, 2019 and 2020, several preparative projects were launched to achieve this ambitious goal:

- The EU Vocabularies started the integration with DBpedia and Wikidata to kick off cooperation with the most active linked open data communities in the world to further disseminate the content of the EU institutions;
- Documentation about the Publications Office's data sources was created in order to help external users to access the data in an automated way and to better understand the data models;
- The EU Open Data Portal integrated a SPARQL wizard allowing non-professional users to write powerful queries for linked open datasets. The interlinking and automated indexing of datasets were improved;

- The EU Open Data Portal also integrated the possibility to assign Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs), which enable users to cite the datasets and data providers to better follow and understand where their data is used;
- A study was conducted to assess the successful usage of linked open data services in the public sector in Europe;
- A licence for the Qlik Sense platform now permits user-friendly data analytics and the creation and publication of interactive dashboards;
- EU Datathon highlighted the potential of linking data from EU institutions and Member States;
- A study on harmonization of EU citation styles was conducted. It provides recommendations and next steps that will enable better traceability of content and interlinking of different types of resources;
- Automatic indexing project was launched in order to improve the description of data and enhance their discoverability;
- An educational video on Linked Open Data was created;
- EURI trends project (EU Research and Innovation programme) was done to demonstrate the potential of linking research project to other datasets;
- The ‘Make EU controlled vocabularies as 5-star LOD’ project was built on:
  - Standardisation activities: a new version of the SKOS-AP-EU specification was released and is now widely used to publish vocabularies as Linked Open Data;
  - LOD dissemination activities - EU Vocabularies assets were disseminated as Linked Open Data on the main portals supporting the LOD movement (e.g. JoinUp, Bartoc.org, LOD Cloud);
  - Data maintained by DG ESTAT were transformed and published as Linked Open Data formats;
  - The Digital Europa Thesaurus (DET) was transformed to enable its publication in Linked Open Data formats;
- Enhancement of the publication process in terms of Linked Open Data:
  - Some EU Horizon 2020 research project results (LinkedPipes ETL) were integrated into the publication process. The new platform helps to transform automatically data from editorial content into different publishing formats (SKOS-Core, SKOS-AP) using open standards;
  - Processing and publication processes were enhanced to produce and support the publication of further LOD vocabularies;
- Preparatory activities for further enhancement of Linked Open Data publication activities:
  - A pipeline to support the alignment of EU Vocabularies assets with DBpedia and Wikidata was developed and described;
  - A set of pipelines were developed and published on github to transform Publications Office’s assets (published on the EU Vocabularies website) and external ones into RDF formats relevant for the major LOD platforms. The enhanced processes will cover EuroVoc (including all authority tables) as well as ADMS and DCAT-AP standards;
  - Several controlled vocabularies maintained by the Publications Office (e.g. EuroVoc, Countries, Languages, Currencies) were aligned with Wikidata and DBpedia;
- LOD training and support activities: training courses on VocBench tool and linked data (VocBench is a web-based, multilingual, collaborative development platform for managing OWL ontologies, SKOS(/XL) thesauri, Ontolex-lemon lexicons and generic RDF);
- External services enhancements:

- VocBench was set up as a service provided to internal and external customers in order to help them promote their vocabularies as LOD assets;
- A tool to automatise the LOD datasets management process in VocBench (automatic projects creation, automatic data transfer) was developed and published;
- Setting-up the publication and production environment to become an active publisher on Wikidata;
- Developing a method to support and perform the integration of EU Vocabularies portfolio of assets in the global LOD environment;
- Developing and publishing at least one case study and associated demonstration of possible integration of reference data in standard office work with no requirement for software development expertise by individual users (staff of EU institutions or other public bodies, or staff of private companies, that will benefit from the use of reference data in different processes as a simplification of their work);
- Improving quality control and support for transformation of vocabularies (development of workflows and interfaces to allow the internal and external editors to check themselves their editing work);
- Creating a production environment to cope with the fast-increasing customers' needs (EU institutions and agencies, and national public services) in terms of LOD;
- Providing support to national public services (e.g. Parliaments, Official Journals) and to EU institutions and agencies for the management of their controlled vocabularies (content quality enhancement, conversion into LOD);
- Providing support to the management group of IATE, the InterActive Terminology for Europe database, to turn it into LOD.

#### **Intentions for the current year 2021:**

- EU citation tool will be developed. It will allow users to cite properly EU content;
- EU data citation guidelines will be drafted and promoted to ensure correct referencing of EU data
- The Semantic Text Analyser Tool - SeTA (developed by JRC and allowing for discoverability of links and relations between EU documents) will be accompanied by user journeys and knowledge maps;
- A set of communication materials on various linked open data projects will be prepared to show in a user-friendly way how users are exploring LOD;
- A training package for Data Catalog Vocabulary (DCAT) and DCAT Application profile for data portals in Europe (DCAT-AP) will be organised to increase understanding of the metadata schema recommended for data portals in Europe;
- A project on linking data and publications will provide guidance and prototype showing good practices on describing and referencing data inside of publications;
- Two videos will be created to explain linked open data in a way understandable by the general public;
- A project will be launched to discover ways to visualise and navigate LOD graphs;
- The CORDIS knowledge graph will be further improved;
- A landscaping of existing LOD projects in EU institutions will provide an overview of on-going linked open data projects;
- SEMCOVID project: This project analyses the manner the EU and Member States have dealt with the current COVID-19 crisis in the specific domain of living and working conditions. The main expected output is: The generation and publication of a reusable Linked Open Dataset about when and what specific measures were taken by EU and

Member States to manage the COVID-19 crisis and an analysis of EU measures and their alignment with Member States' ones (developed in partnership with EUROFOUND).

5.2 *Timetable for the main steps of implementation (from the financing decision to payment) and forecasts for 2022*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date                 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 1 June 2018          |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Second semester 2018 |
| Final payment                    | First semester 2020  |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| Step                             | Date                 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Adoption of financing decision   | 29 January 2019      |
| Prefinancing or interim payments | Second semester 2019 |
| Final payment                    | First semester 2022  |

5.3 *Documentation and expected results*

– **Is there any documentation setting out the main elements of this preparatory action?**

Commission interim report on the implementation of pilot projects and preparatory actions 2019.

Commission Financing Decision [C\(2019\)584](#) of 29 January 2019 setting out the main elements of this preparatory action.

Information regarding the organisation of the EU Datathon is available at the following address: <https://op.europa.eu/eudatathon>

– **Do similar activities exist, which are already covered by a legal basis?**

No

– **At this stage, is it envisaged to follow up this action with a legislative proposal?**

No follow up is envisaged at this stage, however, the results of this preparatory action will be used in the framework of the European open data space.

5.4 *Type of activities financed, number and amounts*

– 2018 commitment appropriations

| Title / Action                                | Beneficiary / Contractor | EUR (maximum) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Consultancy, evolution, development, support, | Existing framework       | 300 000       |



|                             |                              |         |
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| assistance                  | contracts                    |         |
| IT systems operation        | Existing framework contracts | 250 000 |
| Content preparation         | Existing framework contracts | 500 000 |
| Communication and promotion | Existing framework contracts | 50 000  |

– 2019 commitment appropriations

| <b>Title / Action</b>                                    | <b>Beneficiary / Contractor</b> | <b>EUR<br/>(maximum)</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Consultancy, evolution, development, support, assistance | Existing framework contracts    | 250 000                  |
| IT systems operation                                     | Existing framework contracts    | 200 000                  |
| Content preparation                                      | Existing framework contracts    | 370 000                  |
| Communication and promotion                              | Existing framework contracts    | 100 000                  |
| Organisation of the EU Datathon 2019 (prizes)            | Existing framework contracts    | 80 000                   |

### 5.5 *Method of implementation (tenders, grants, other) and evaluations*

The Commission implements this preparatory action by means of framework contracts, which are already in place.

### 5.6 *Types of beneficiaries*

Public administrations, businesses, journalists, academia, transparency community.

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