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ANNEX 1

ANNEX

to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

**amending the Commission implementing decision C(2022) 724 as regards the
implementation of actions under the Single Market Programme**

ANNEX I

AMENDMENT OF THE ACTIONS UNDER THE ACTIVITY ‘SMP BUNDLE’: INTERNAL MARKET, STANDARDISATION, CONSUMERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES END-USERS.

Annex I to Implementing Decision C(2022) 724 is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 ‘INTERNAL MARKET’ is amended as follows:

The following box below is inserted immediately prior to sub-heading “2.1 Budget line 03.020101 – Operation and development of the internal market of goods and services”

Directorates General implementing the Single Market Programme expect to launch during 2022 the following procurement procedures for multi-annual framework contracts:

i) To support the achievement of the objectives specified in Article 3.2(a) of Regulation 2021/690 establishing the Single Market Programme, as well as, potentially, other objectives specified in Article 3.2 of Regulation 2021/690 by facilitating access to data on individual companies (such as, but not exclusively, industry codes, trade descriptions, financial information, corporate structures, ownership information including beneficial ownership, directors and managers, information in relation to politically exposed persons and sanctions and ESG indicators), several Directorates General managing actions under the Single Market Programme (such as DGs TAXUD, COMP, GROW, JUST and FISMA) may implement procurement procedures for one or more 4-year framework contracts for subscriptions to relevant data services, with a view to the framework contract(s) being awarded and signed in Q4 2022.

The framework contract(s) would be awarded, signed and managed on behalf of the Commission by one of the Directorates General managing actions under the Single Market Programme.

ii) To support the development, implementation and enforcement of Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and services as provided for in Article 3.2(a)(ii) of Regulation 2021/690, one or more Directorates General managing actions under the Single Market Programme may also implement procurement procedures for one or more 4-year framework contracts for the assessment of the legislation of candidate or potential candidate countries or Neighbourhood Policy countries that have applied for Union membership with Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and services.

The framework contract(s) would be awarded, signed and managed on behalf of the Commission by one of the Directorates General managing actions under the Single Market Programme.

(b) Section ‘2.4. Budget line 03.020104 Company law’ is amended as follows:

- (i) In subsection ‘2.4.1. Procurements’, in the paragraph on Implementation, the sentence “The action shall be implemented directly by DG FISMA and JUST” is replaced by “The action shall be implemented either directly by DG FISMA or DG JUST (direct management) or by co-delegation or cross-sub delegation with DIGIT or other Directorates-General or Commission services as appropriate.”

(c) Section ‘2.5 Budget line 03.020105: Competition policy for a stronger union in the digital age’ is amended as follows:

- (i) The budget breakdown is amended as follows:
‘The actions to be financed are managed by DG COMP, the budget breakdown for year 2022 is as follows:
 - for grants (implemented under direct management) (2.5.1): EUR 2 400 000
 - for procurements (implemented under direct management) (2.5.2): EUR 17 626 063
 - for other actions (2.5.3): EUR 356 000’In the last bullet point ‘in particular administrative arrangements’ is deleted.
- (ii) In section ‘2.5.1 Grants’, in the first sentence ‘EUR 1 600 000’ is replaced by ‘EUR 2 400 000’.
- (iii) In section ‘2.5.1. Grants’, sub section 2.5.1.1 Training of national competition authorities and/or non-competition national enforcers’ is amended as follows:
 - i. In ‘The action is aimed at’, at the end of the sentence ‘national competition authorities, for increasing their capabilities in Intelligence and Investigative activities’ is added ‘as well as other capacity building activities and trainings, including but not limited to digital competencies and language trainings’.
 - ii. In the ‘Qualitative and quantitative indicators for the action’ to the sentence ‘number of staff members in national competition authorities reached by the training and awareness raising activities’, is added after ‘staff members’ ‘or other persons attached’.
- (iv) In section ‘2.5.1. Grants’, sub section ‘2.5.1.2 Call for proposals for action grants to support training of national judges in EU competition law’ is amended as follows:
 - i. In ‘Description’ at the end of the first sentence ‘The objective is to contribute to an effective and coherent application of EU competition law in the Member States’ is added ‘and in countries associated to the Single Market Programme’.

- (v) In section ‘2.5.1. Grants’, is inserted a subsection ‘2.5.1.3 Exploring the State of competition in the EU – Research on the evolution of economic indicators relevant for the State of competition in the EU (e.g. concentration levels and mark-ups) and on malfunctioning sectors’ sub section

“Amount:

EUR 800 000

Type of an applicant targeted by the grant

An ad hoc grant will be awarded, without a call for proposals, to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) under Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation, due to its specialised nature, technical competence and access to relevant data.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant awarded without a call for proposals based on Article 195 of the Financial Regulation:

- Research on the evolution of economic indicators relevant for the State of competition in the EU (e.g. concentration levels and mark-ups) in a significant number of Member States based on data collected, refined and analysed by a team of world class OECD economists
- On the basis of the findings for the EU Member States comparisons of the State of competition in the EU with other economies (mainly US and Japan)
- Identification of potentially malfunctioning sectors in the EU from a competition point of view and verification whether these sectors have seen Commission enforcement action in past years
- Rate of co-financing: Up to 90%
- Indicative implementation timetable: for the year 2022
- Qualitative and quantitative indicators for the action: High quality research report submitted to the Commission in due time covering at least 12 Member States plus global comparison countries

Implementation:

Action will be implemented by DG COMP’

(vi) Section ‘2.5.2. Procurement’ is amended as follows:

- i. In the first sentence ‘EUR 18 376 063’ is replaced by ‘EUR 17 626 063’.
- ii. In ‘General description of what the envisaged contracts will cover’ after the entry “capacity building activities and trainings in the field of competition”, is inserted “or in other areas that assist the European Competition Network or third countries in implementing competition policy.”

- (vii) Section ‘2.5.3 Other actions or expenditure’ is amended as follows
 - i. In the first sentence ‘EUR 406 000’ is replaced by ‘EUR 356 000’.
 - ii. In the last sentence ‘EUR 400 000’ is replaced by ‘ EUR 350 000’.

(d) Section ‘2.7. Budget line 03.020107 Market surveillance is amended as follows:

- (i) In subsection ‘2.7.2. Procurement’, is inserted a subsection ‘2.7.2.7. DG GROW/DG JUST joint project - Development and maintenance of a portal for consumers’

“General description of the contract envisaged: development and maintenance of a portal in all EU languages, allowing consumers to report issues related to safety or non-compliance for a product they have purchased.

Implementation: DG GROW under an existing framework contract.

This contract aims at further developing the existing synergies between the consumer pillar and the market surveillance strand of the Single Market Programme.”

(e) Section ‘3.1. Budget line 03.020301 European Standardisation’ is amended as follows:

- (i) In subsection ‘3.1.1.1. Support to standardisation activities performed by CEN, Cenelec and ETSI, by national standardisation bodies jointly undertaken with the European standardisation organisations and by other bodies in cooperation with the European standardisation organisations’, on implementation, the sentence “DG GROW for operating grants and EISMEA for action grants” is replaced by “DG GROW for operating grants and EISMEA with DG GROW for action grants””;
- (ii) In subsection ‘3.1.1.2 Support to organisations representing small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) and societal stakeholders in standardisation activities’, under the description of the type of applicants targeted by the direct award’, in the first paragraph after the entry ‘Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012’ is added the sentence ‘DG GROW and DG JUST will work to shape common policy objectives between consumers and standardisation policy in the context of this operating grant.’
- (iii) In subsection ‘3.1.1.2 Support to organisations representing small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) and societal stakeholders in standardisation activities’, under the description of the activities, in the paragraph of ‘Operating grant to the European organisation(s) representing SMEs in European standardisation activities’, the entry “and after framework partnership agreement”, is deleted
- (iv) In section ‘3.1.2. Procurement’, is inserted a subsection ‘3.1.2.5. Studies and economic analysis concerning European standardisation policies’:

“General description of the contracts envisaged: The action concerns the procurement of studies, economic analysis, collection and analysis of data concerning various aspects of the European standardisation policies

Implementation: DG GROW will implement this action.

Additional information In accordance with the principle of good administration in implementation of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, the Commission keeps the stakeholders informed about all changes and events that may affect the European standardisation system.”