

COMMISSION DECISION

C(2009)2102 of 26/03/2009

adopting a Multi-beneficiary Programme to support the participation of eligible candidate and potential candidate countries in the Union for the Mediterranean under the IPA – Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for the year 2008

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)¹, and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes, which can be established by country and by component or, as appropriate, by group of countries or by theme. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) The Council has established for all candidate and potential candidate countries a European or Accession Partnership. The Commission has adopted on 17 July 2008 a Multi-Beneficiary Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document 2008-2010 which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to the countries concerned².
- (4) Since 1995, the European Union and its Mediterranean partners have been engaged in a dialogue at political, institutional and technical levels within the framework of the Barcelona Process. This partnership has been further strengthened since the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean on 13 July 2008, which saw the launch of the Union for the Mediterranean, thus giving a new impulse to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. At the Paris Summit, three candidate and potential candidate countries became members of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, i.e. Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro. Turkey and Albania were already members.
- (5) Therefore, this Multi-beneficiary Programme for supporting the participation of the eligible candidate and potential candidate countries in the Union for the Mediterranean

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² C(2008)3585, 17.07.2008.

under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008, aims at providing assistance to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey in order to:

- ensure the presence and visibility of the Beneficiaries in the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue (ministerial meetings and other events involving officials or representatives of civil society);
 - familiarise the Beneficiaries with the work developed as part of a selected number of flagship projects of interest to the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey, particularly in the areas of environment, disaster risk preparedness and transport policy.
- (6) This Decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002³ and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴.
- (7) The Commission adopted on 13 February 2009 its Decision SEC/2009/164/final carrying over from the EC 2008 budget to the EC 2009 budget certain appropriations including an allocation under budget item 22.020701 of EUR 2 674 550 in commitment credits specifically intended for this programme.
- (8) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Multi-beneficiary Programme for supporting the participation of eligible candidate and potential candidate countries in the Union for the Mediterranean under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by centralised management.

The programme is implemented without financing agreements.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be **EUR 3.2 million**, to be financed through Item 22.02 07 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

³ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission

ANNEX:
MULTI-BENEFICIARY PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT THE
PARTICIPATION OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL
CANDIDATE COUNTRIES IN THE UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
UNDER THE IPA-TRANSITION ASSISTANCE AND INSTITUTION
BUILDING COMPONENT FOR THE YEAR 2008

1. IDENTIFICATION

Beneficiaries	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey
CRIS number	2008/020-566
Year	2008
Cost	EUR 3 200 000
Implementing Authority	European Commission
Final date for concluding the financing agreements	The programme is implemented without financing agreements
Final dates for contracting	30 November 2010
Final dates for execution	30 November 2012
Sector Code	Institutional dialogue: 43010 (Multi-sector aid) Environment: 41010 (Environmental Policy and Administrative Management) Transport: 21010 (Transport Policy) Disaster Risk Reduction: 74010 (Disaster Preparedness and Prevention)
Budget line(s) concerned	22.02 07 01 - regional and horizontal programmes
Programming Task Manager	DG Enlargement, Unit D3 "Regional Programmes"
Implementation Task Manager	EuropeAid Cooperation Office, Unit A3 "Centralised operations for Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle-East"

2. PRIORITY AXES / PROJECTS

Since 1995, the European Union and its Mediterranean partners have been engaged in a dialogue at political, institutional and technical levels within the framework of the Barcelona Process. This partnership has been further strengthened since the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean on 13 July 2008, which saw the launch of the Union for the Mediterranean.

At the Paris Summit, three candidate and potential candidate countries became full members of the Union for the Mediterranean, i.e. Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina

and Montenegro. Turkey and Albania were already members of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

The overall objective of this programme is to support the involvement of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey in the Union for the Mediterranean.

2.a Priority axes

The participation of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey in the regional cooperation activities planned as part of the Union for the Mediterranean aims to improve information exchange, foster transfer of know-how and strengthen capacity at institutional and operational levels in a number of fields. Support for the involvement of these IPA beneficiaries in the Union for the Mediterranean will be two-fold:

- (1) Assistance to ensure the presence and visibility of the Beneficiaries in the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue (ministerial meetings and other events involving officials or representatives of civil society);
- (2) Assistance to familiarise the Beneficiaries with the work developed as part of a selected number of flagship projects of interest to the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey, particularly in the areas of environment, disaster risk preparedness and transport policy.

Support to public administration and civil society are both important priorities of EC assistance under the Multi-annual Indicative Planning Documents (MIPDs) for 2008-2010, either multi-beneficiary or national. Similarly, by providing capacity-building and promoting networking, the projects in the fields of environmental protection, disaster risk reduction and transport will determinedly contribute to fulfilling the objectives set by the Multi-beneficiary MIPD 2008-2010 for the same sectors. These projects are also in line with the national MIPDs – e.g. for Croatia and Turkey, Regional Development component - where the improvement of transport and environmental protection in particular is highlighted as a major priority for enhancing regional competitiveness.

Therefore, the assistance to be provided under this programme is in line with the strategies identified in the Multi-Beneficiary MIPD 2008-2010, notably in *Priority axe 1 – Political criteria, sections 3.1.1 Democracy and the Rule of Law and 3.1.3 Regional issues and International Obligations, and Priority axe 3 - Ability to assume the obligations of Membership and approximation to European Standards, sections 3.3.4 Transport Policy and 3.3.8 Environment*, as well as the relevant parts of the European or Accession Partnerships.

Measure 1: Institutional dialogue: public administration and civil society

In addition to the various forms of cooperation recently developed across the South East European region, participation in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership will contribute to helping these countries gain a better understanding of, and actively contribute to, the Union for the Mediterranean, one of the key policies of the European Union. The meetings and joint events organised within this framework will

be a useful opportunity for public authorities of the eligible Western Balkans and Turkey to improve governance at all levels, besides helping them fulfil their political commitments.

Measure 2: Project approach: environment, disaster risk reduction and transport

The objective will be to facilitate the Beneficiaries' understanding of, and possible future participation in, key projects that are most relevant to the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey: a) Promotion of environmental protection in the Mediterranean region via the implementation of the Horizon 2020 (H2020) Initiative, b) Programme of Prevention, Reduction and management of the Disasters of natural and human origin in the Mediterranean region (PPRD) and c) Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) as identified by the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum and other transport-related initiatives, e.g. Safemed and Motorways of the Sea.

2.b Description of projects grouped per priority axis

Measure 1: Institutional dialogue: public administration and civil society

At the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean on 13 July 2008, three candidate and potential candidate countries officially became members of the Union for the Mediterranean - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro. They joined Turkey and Albania who had already been members. With a total of five candidate and potential candidate countries taking part, it is considered that support for their participation in the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue should be provided by the funding instrument relevant to these countries, i.e. IPA.

This programme therefore aims to extend support for travel and logistics to the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey in relation to events organised within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, on the same level as the assistance provided to the Southern Mediterranean partner countries, via the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

This resource is targeted exclusively at those IPA beneficiaries who are members of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Purpose:

- To help the Beneficiaries contribute to and benefit from interregional cooperation and dialogue, whilst taking part in a pro-active and constructive relationship with their Mediterranean neighbours;
- To increase the presence of IPA beneficiaries, and particularly that of the new members, in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, by giving them a voice at the negotiation table on a par with any other partner country;
- To support capacity-building with a view to contributing to improved governance and public administration.

Expected results:

- Increased visibility of the Beneficiaries in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership;
- Improved neighbourly relationships and enhanced cooperation and networking in the Mediterranean area;
- Advice and support to beneficiaries in the areas of governance and public administration in particular;

Activities:

This programme will cover participation in different institutional meetings organised by the European Commission within the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean, which include ministerial conferences conducted in cooperation with the EU Presidency, thematic working group meetings, as well as sectoral preparation meetings.

All activities will be sub-delegated from DG Enlargement to the EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

The activities will be implemented through a service contract for an approximate total value of EUR 750 000. This will be an addition to the assistance provided by the EuropeAid Cooperation Office to the Southern Mediterranean partner countries. As far as the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey are concerned, the indicative start date of activities is Q3 2009.

Measure 2: Project approach: environment, disaster risk reduction and transport

Support for familiarising the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey with a number of major regional initiatives, listed hereunder.

A – Environmental protection (H2020)

The environmental strategy of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership consisting of tackling the sources of pollution in the Mediterranean is better known as Horizon 2020. On a more general level, this initiative aims to ensure that better knowledge of environmental issues relevant to the Mediterranean is shared by all stakeholders.

Purpose:

- To promote environmental mainstreaming in the Beneficiaries via targeted support within the framework of the H2020 Initiative;
- To promote sustainable use of the Mediterranean Sea and the coastal areas of the Beneficiaries;
- To promote an integrated approach of environmental protection by fostering the inclusion of environmental issues in other sector policies;

- To contribute to the establishment of the Mediterranean Environmental Information System.

Expected results:

- Improved integration of environmental protection in “environmentally-sensitive” sectors, e.g. agriculture, tourism, energy, transport, health;
- Stronger presence and visibility of the Beneficiaries in the H2020 coordination structures (Steering Committee and working groups);
- Strengthened capacities and resources dedicated to environmental protection at policy, legislative and institutional levels (including environmental information);
- Improved sensitisation and mobilisation of civil society in relation to H2020.

Activities:

- Support for the participation of representatives of the Beneficiaries in training sessions and workshops organised as part of the H2020 roadmap;
- Support provided for the preparation, execution and follow-up of the work of the H2020 Steering Committee and Working Groups;
- Participation in technical assistance activities (including short term expertise, study visits, etc.) in line with the H2020 priority areas;
- Participation in activities related to the monitoring and research component of H2020;
- Possible support for identification of bankable projects from the national action plans developed within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

All activities will be sub-delegated from DG Enlargement to the EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

The activities will be implemented through a service contract for an approximate total value of EUR 1 000 000. This will be an addition to support provided by the EuropeAid Cooperation Office to the Southern Mediterranean partner countries. As far as the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey are concerned, the indicative start date of activities is Q2 2009.

B – Disaster preparedness, prevention and reduction

The beneficiaries in the Western Balkans countries and Turkey and their Mediterranean partners share exposure to disasters of a natural or human origin. One of the tools established to address this particular issue is a Programme of Prevention,

Reduction and management of the Disasters of natural and human origin in the Mediterranean region (PPRD)¹.

Likewise, the IPA Multi-beneficiary MIPD 2008-2010 identifies disaster risk preparedness as a key priority for the Western Balkans countries and Turkey. Actions aiming at providing technical assistance to relevant authorities in the region, at developing and harmonizing plans for disaster mitigation or at improving data gathering capacity and data quality have been initiated in that context.

Purpose:

- To improve coordination of actions in the field of risk preparedness, prevention and reduction, whilst focusing on interventions that are complementary and bring added value to activities already planned or underway in the context of IPA regional programmes.

Expected results:

- Improved knowledge with regard to the level of exposition to disasters of natural and human origin, as well as the level of capacity to respond to disasters in the Mediterranean basin;
- Better measures of prevention of risks at regional and local level;
- Stronger presence of the Beneficiaries in the coordination structures (Steering Committee, National Coordination network, etc);
- Improved coordination of capacities and resources to respond to disasters;
- Increased awareness-raising and information.

Activities:

- Prevention: training sessions and study visits; technical assistance missions based on requests from the beneficiaries;
- Participation in the coordination activities (Steering Committee, National Coordination network, etc);
- Awareness-raising and information actions.

All activities will be sub-delegated from DG Enlargement to the EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

The activities will be implemented through a service contract for an approximate total value of EUR 600 000. This will be an addition to support already provided by the EuropeAid Cooperation Office to the Southern Mediterranean partner countries. As

¹ Commission Decision C(2007) 5134 of 24 October 2007 approving the 2007 Annual Action Programme in favour of the Mediterranean region to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities.

far as the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey are concerned, the indicative start date of activities is Q2 2009.

C – Transport policy

In order to assist governments of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership in the implementation of structural and regulatory reform in the transport sector as well as infrastructure planning and assessment, a Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum has been set up. A major outcome of this collaborative work is the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP), which sets out priorities for joint actions for 2007-2013². Other projects for which participation of the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey will be considered are Safemed – cooperation in the field of maritime safety – and Motorways of the Sea – establishment of links between transport systems in the Mediterranean and the European TEN-T.

Purpose:

- To ensure the presence and the active participation of the Beneficiaries in the RTAP;
- To improve coordination of transport policies between Beneficiaries and other Mediterranean partners, whilst complementing, and ensuring added value to, activities already supported by IPA.

Expected results:

- Stronger presence of the Beneficiaries in the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum and its related structures (Steering Committee and Working Groups);
- Improved sensitisation in relation to sustainable development in relation to transport infrastructure development and management;
- Needs and missing links in international transport connections in the Mediterranean basin identified.

Activities:

- Support for the participation of representatives of the Beneficiaries in the relevant coordination entities;
- Support for the participation in training sessions, workshops, information exchange fora, dissemination activities.

All activities will be sub-delegated from DG Enlargement to the EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

The activities will be implemented through three service contracts (RTAP, Safemed and Motorways of the Sea) for an approximate total value of EUR 850 000. This will

² Commission Decision C (2008) 4089 of 5 August 2008 approving the third part of the 2008 Annual Action Programme in favour of the Mediterranean region to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities.

be an addition to support already provided by the EuropeAid Cooperation Office to the Southern Mediterranean partner countries. As far as the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey are concerned, the indicative start date of activities is Q2 2009.

2.c Overview of past and on going assistance (EU / IFI / Bilateral and national assistance) including lessons learned and donor coordination

From 2000 to 2007, over EUR 657 million have been provided in assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries through the CARDS Regional, Phare Multi-Country and IPA Multi-beneficiary programmes.

In late 2008, DG Enlargement put together the necessary mechanisms to enable the eligible Western Balkans countries and Turkey to take part in Euromed events planned from the end of 2008, through a specific Travel, Accommodation and Conference – TAC – Facility³.

The ENPI is currently the main assistance tool enabling the participation of the Southern Mediterranean partner countries in Euro-Mediterranean cooperation. Several lessons have been learned, including the creation of networks and the promotion of dialogue, which have clearly contributed to generating economies of scale at regional level, as well the necessary involvement of partner countries, thus guaranteeing region-wide ownership.

A number of applicable lessons have also emerged from IPA, CARDS Regional and Phare Multi-Country projects and programmes: multi-beneficiary coordination is necessary for ensuring efficient and targeted programming and implementation; donor coordination is essential; EC multi-beneficiary assistance must complement and be consistent with National Programmes as well as relevant other regional initiatives; increasing local ownership is essential for effective targeting of the support available; the absorption capacity remains an important consideration.

With respect to IFI interventions and major other donors, synergies with some of the IFIs and other international donors operating in the region are ensured through regular policy and technical meetings for the H2020 Initiative, the RTAP and the PPRD. Regarding IPA, the Infrastructure Project Preparation Facilities IPF covering transport, energy, environment and social sectors has been launched, thus paving the way for the establishment of a broader Western Balkan Investment Framework by 2010. Coordination of the various forms of interventions in the region in the fields concerned by this Financing Proposal is ensured via regular consultation with the Beneficiaries, including the Regional Cooperation Council.

³ Decision 2008/020-477 of 16 October 2008 approving a Travel, Accommodation and Conference Facility (TAC) part II for the Western Balkans and Turkey under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building component in 2008.

2.d Horizontal issues

- *Equal opportunities and non-discrimination*

The European Commission is fully committed to a policy of equal opportunity. In all activities carried out within the framework of this programme, steps will be taken to ensure equal participation of men and women.

- *Support to minority and vulnerable groups*

In all activities carried out within the framework of this programme, and particularly in training activities (where relevant), steps will be taken to ensure that support to minorities and vulnerable groups are taken into account.

- *Environmental protection*

Environmental protection is the target sector for two of the projects planned within the framework of this programme. Sustainable development is a key cross-cutting component of the 'transport' project.

- *Good governance, with particular attention to fight against corruption*

Improvement of public administration in all sectors and institutional building are key horizontal objectives of the programme.

2.e Benchmarks

	2008		2009 (cumulative)	
	EC	NF	EC	NF
Number of tenders			6 (*)	
Contracting Rate (%)			100	

(*) Management of procurement will be the responsibility of the EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

3. BUDGET (AMOUNTS IN EUR)

3.1. Indicative budget table

Centralised management	Institution Building (IB)					Investment (INV)					Total (IB + INV)	Total IPA Community contribution	
	Total expenditure	IPA Community contribution		National contribution*		Total expenditure	IPA Community contribution		National contribution*				
	EUR (a)=(b)+(c)	EUR (b)	% ⁽¹⁾	EUR (c)	% ⁽¹⁾	EUR (d)=(e)+(f)	EUR (e)	% ⁽¹⁾	EUR (f)	% ⁽¹⁾	EUR (g)=(a)+(d)	EUR (h)=(b)+(e)	% ⁽²⁾
Measure 1	750 000	750 000	100								750 000	750 000	23,4
Instit. dialogue	750 000	750 000	100								750 000	750 000	–
Measure 2	2 450 000	2 450 000	100								2 450 000	2 450 000	76,6
Environment	1 000 000	1 000 000	100								1 000 000	1 000 000	–
Disaster risk red	600 000	600 000	100								600 000	600 000	–
Transport	850 000	850 000	100								850 000	850 000	–
TOTAL	3 200 000	3 200 000	100								3 200 000	3 200 000	100

* contribution (public and private national and/or international contribution) provided by national counterparts

(1) Expressed in % of the Total expenditure IB or INV (column (a) or (d)).

(2) Measure rows only. Expressed in % of the grand total of column (h).

3.2. Principle of Co-Financing applying to the projects funded under the programme

The Community contribution, which represents 100% of the total budget allocated to this programme, has been calculated in relation to the **eligible expenditure**, which in the case of centralised management is based on the **total expenditure**.

Due to its regional character, it is not possible to require national co-financing for the components. The mechanism will be reconsidered after two years.

4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1. Method of implementation

The programme will be implemented on a centralised basis by the European Commission in accordance with Article 53a of the Financial Regulation⁴ and the corresponding provisions of the Implementing Rules⁵.

The implementation of this programme will be sub-delegated to the EuropeAid Cooperation Office – Unit A3 "Centralised operations for Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle-East".

4.2. General rules for procurement

Procurement shall follow the provisions of Part Two, Title IV of the Financial Regulation and Part Two, Title III, Chapter 3 of its Implementing Rules as well as the rules and procedures for service, supply and works contracts financed from the general budget of the European Communities for the purposes of cooperation with third countries adopted by the Commission on 24 May 2007 (C(2007)2034).

The Commission shall also use the procedural guidelines and standard templates and models facilitating the application of the above rules provided for in the "Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions" ("Practical Guide") as published on the EuropeAid website⁶ at the date of the initiation of the procurement.

5. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

5.1. Monitoring

The Commission may undertake any actions it deems necessary to monitor the programmes concerned.

⁴ Regulation 1605/2002 (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1).

⁵ Regulation 2342/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1).

⁶ http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/practical_guide/index_en.htm

5.2. Evaluation

Programmes shall be subject to ex ante evaluations, as well as interim and, where relevant, ex post evaluations in accordance with Articles 57 and 82 of IPA Implementing Regulation, with the aim of improving the quality, effectiveness and consistency of the assistance from Community funds and the strategy and implementation of the programmes.

The results of ex ante and interim evaluation shall be taken into account in the programming and implementation cycle.

The Commission may also carry out strategic evaluations.

6. AUDIT, FINANCIAL CONTROL AND ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES

The accounts and operations of all parties involved in the implementation of this programme, as well as all contracts and agreements implementing this programme, are subject to, on the one hand, the supervision and financial control by the Commission (including the European Anti-Fraud Office), which may carry out checks at its discretion, either by itself or through an outside auditor and, on the other hand, audits by the European Court of Auditors. This includes measures such as ex-ante verification of tendering and contracting carried out by the Delegations in the Beneficiaries.

In order to ensure the efficient protection of the financial interests of the Community, the Commission (including the European Anti-Fraud Office) may conduct on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with the procedures foreseen in Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) 2185/96⁷.

The controls and audits described above are applicable to all contractors, subcontractors and grant beneficiaries who have received Community funds.

7. LIMITED CHANGES

Limited changes in the implementation of this programme affecting essential elements listed under Article 90 of the Implementing Rules to the Financial Regulation, which are of an indicative nature⁸, may be undertaken by the authorising officer by delegation (AOD), or by the authorising officer by sub-delegation (AOSD), in line with the delegation of powers conferred upon him by the AOD, in accordance with the principles of sound financial management without an amending financing decision being necessary.

⁷ OJ L 292; 15.11.1996; p. 2

⁸ These essential elements of an indicative nature are, for grants, the indicative amount of the call for proposals and, for procurement, the indicative number and type of contracts envisaged and the indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedures.