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ANNEX

The Annex is amended as follows:

(1) Point 1 of Part 2 – Grants, Procurements, Indirect Management and other actions is replaced by the following:

“1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives in the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2023 as follows:

1.1. Budget breakdown

Budget Line	Amount
07.020100.05 - ESF+ shared management strand - Operational expenditure (Transnational cooperation)	EUR 30 308 100
07.020400 - ESF+ - Employment and Social Innovation strand	EUR 100 604 370
TOTAL	EUR 130 912 470

LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013

1.2. Type of actions to be financed

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2): EUR 57 825 000
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (point 3): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 4): EUR 31 614 370
- for actions implemented under indirect management (point 5): EUR 35 773 100
- for contributions to trust funds (point 6): N/A
- for financial instruments (point 7): N/A
- for contributions to blending facilities (point 8): N/A
- for other actions or expenditure (point 9): EUR 5 700 000”

(2) Point 2 of Part 2 – Grants, Procurements, Indirect Management and other actions is amended as follows:

(a) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

“The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme amounts to EUR 57 825 000.

Budget line 07.020100.05: N/A

Budget line 07.020400: EUR 57 825 000

BUDGET LINE

07.020400- ESF+ - Employment and Social Innovation strand

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(b) Point 2.1.6 is added under Point 2.1. “Direct grants” as follows:

“2.1.2. Direct Grant to the Government of the Republic of Portugal or its designated bodies to support a high-level conference: the “Porto Social Forum”

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued

The grant aims to support a high-level event to be held in Porto, which follows up to the Porto Social Commitment agreed at the occasion of the Porto Social Summit in May 2021. In the joint statement by the European Commission and the Government of the Republic of Portugal on 7 May 2022, Portugal has announced that it will organise a Forum every two years in connection with the milestones of the Porto Social Commitment, starting on its second anniversary in 2023.

The Forum under the exclusive initiative of the Government of the Republic of Portugal aims to further contribute to the social dimension of the Union and to closely follow, including at the highest level, the progress achieved towards the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Expected results

The Forum aims to monitor the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, mobilise key actors, including civil society and social partners, for its development and discuss policy responses to the EU’s major structural challenges and their impact on the social dimension.

Description of the activities to be funded

The grant will support the organisation and logistics of the high-level conference, covering, inter alia, rentals of venues and facilities, conference services, translation and interpretation, catering services, travel and accommodation, communication activities, and other support services.

Types of applicants targeted by the direct award of the grant

A direct grant will be awarded to Government entities (or designated bodies) of the Republic of Portugal, in accordance with Article 195(c) of the Financial Regulation, which stipulates that grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly or to bodies designated by Member States, under their responsibility, where those Member States are in a de jure or de facto monopoly situation.

Implementation

Directly by DG EMPL

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(c) Under Point 2.2.3. “**Call for proposals: implementation of a European Tracking Service for pensions (ETS)**”, the “Types of applicants targeted by the call” is replaced with the following:

“Types of applicants targeted by the call

Proposals by both single applicants and consortia are allowed.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- fall into one of the categories below, either
 - public law bodies, including Member States’ organisations
 - Non-profit private law bodies;
- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories);
 - non-EU countries: listed EEA countries and countries associated to the ESF+ or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature ([list-3rd-country-participation_esf-socpl_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#));

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(d) The title of Point 2.2.6. is replaced with the following:

“**2.2.6. Call for proposals: Annual operating grants to support networks active in the areas of social enterprise finance and microfinance**

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(3) Point 4 of Part 2 – Grants, Procurements, Indirect Management and other actions is amended as follows:

The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

“The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts under this work programme amounts to EUR 31 614 370.

Budget line 07.020100.05: N/A

Budget line 07.020400: EUR 31 614 370.”

(4) Point 5 of Part 2 – Grants, Procurements, Indirect Management and other actions is amended as follows:

(a) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

“The overall budgetary allocation reserved for actions implemented under indirect management in 2023 amounts to EUR 35 773 100.

Budget line 07.020100.05: EUR 30 308 100

Budget line 07.020400: EUR 5 465 000

BUDGET LINE

07.020100.05 - ESF+ shared management strand - Operational expenditure (Transnational cooperation)

07.020400- ESF+ - Employment and Social Innovation strand

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(b) Point 5.3. Contribution agreement with OECD: Global Deal to promote their capacity building for social dialogue and collective bargaining in third countries (2nd phase) of Part 2 – Actions implemented under indirect management is replaced by the following:

“5.3. Contribution agreement with ILO: EU-ILO Technical Assistance Facility for the implementation of the Youth Guarantee in the Western Balkans, phase 2

Implementing entity

The tasks will be entrusted to ILO by the Commission. According to Article 156 of the Financial Regulation, the Commission may implement the budget indirectly through international public-sector organisations set up by international agreements (international organisation) and through specialised agencies set up by such organisations (e.g. the United Nations (UN), and its specialised agencies and offices). ILO is an international organisation that passed the EU pillar assessment (Article 154(3) and (4) of the Financial Regulation).

The ILO is selected with the implementation of the action due to their leading expertise in the area of employment, but also in their in-depth knowledge of the EU Youth Guarantee model specifically. The ILO has been involved in helping EU Member States in preparing their first implementation plans on the Youth Guarantee and has supported the implementation. Additionally, starting from 2017, the ILO has been working with the Government of North Macedonia in the implementation of the pilot youth guarantee and its scaling up. A number of tools, knowledge resources, and lessons learned have emerged from these technical assistance packages, which can provide guidance to the WB-6 during the establishment of a Youth Guarantee. The first year of the functioning of the TAF (Q2 2021 – Q3 2022) was financed by ILO’s own funds.

Objectives pursued

The objective is to support Western Balkan countries to progressively set up Youth Guarantee schemes. A high share of young people not in employment, education or training (from 15% in Serbia to 33% in Kosovo) is a challenge that requires measures to be taken to help their labour market integration. Western Balkan countries are on their way towards EU accession and a progressive deployment of Youth Guarantee will help them to align with EU acquis and to put in place policies similar to those in the EU. By doing this, further spillover effects will be achieved in terms of improved capacity of public employment services and their increased collaboration between education providers, social services, NGOs, social

partners. This action is supporting the principles of the EPSR and in particular principles 1-3, 5, 7-10, 13, 16-18, 20.

Expected results

It is expected that further spillover effects will be achieved in terms of improved capacity of public employment services and their increased collaboration between education providers, social services, NGOs, social partners. This action is supporting the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and in particular principles 1-3, 5, 7-10, 13, 16-18, 20.

Description of the activities to be funded

As part of the Economic Reform Programme process that emulates the European Semester, the six candidate countries and potential candidates from Western Balkans have been recommended to set-up inter-ministerial task forces to draft Youth Guarantee implementation plans, and progressively put in place Youth Guarantee schemes based on the model of the EU Youth Guarantee. The grant will include tailor-made assistance from ILO to support the six Western Balkan economies with the progressive set-up of Youth Guarantee schemes.

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(c) Point 5.7 of Part 2 – Actions implemented under indirect management is replaced by the following:

“5.7. Contribution agreement with the ILO: Just transition & skills

Implementing entity

According to Article 154.1 of the Financial Regulation, the selection of the entities to be entrusted with the implementation of Union funds pursuant to point (c) of the first subparagraph of Article 62.1, shall be transparent, justified by the nature of the action and shall not give rise to conflict of interest. The ILO is an international organisation that passed the pillar assessment (Article 154(3) and (4) of the Financial Regulation). The ILO is equipped with unique capacities in the area of just transition, labour and skills, including technical expertise for research and analysis on aspects relating to the twin digital and green transitions, notably thanks to its Green Jobs Programme established in 2009. The ILO is well positioned to create relevant evidence and knowledge globally and exploit synergies of various actors (including the EU).

Objectives pursued

To contribute to the evidence and knowledge base on just transition aspects related to the green and digital transitions, and notably on labour and skills shortages in the EU, including quantitative estimates of the investment needs for reskilling, upskilling and labour market transitions in the green and digital transitions, also in the context of REPowerEU and the Green Deal Industrial Plan.

On just transition in particular, the cooperation with ILO will notably aim to (1) strengthening awareness-raising on just transition among constituents and relevant stakeholders and advocacy for stock-taking and further action and commitments in the area, (2) further developing evidence supporting just transition policies and measures and making it available for ILO constituents (including EU Member States and the Commission on behalf of the EU) and relevant stakeholders, (3) reinforcing constituents and relevant stakeholders’

technical expertise and capacity to design and implement just transition policies. This may also include contribution to the evidence and knowledge base of the “Green Jobs for Youth Pact” initiative launched by UNEP, ILO and UNICEF, underpinning EU and Commission contributions to the initiative.

The two main objectives are:

a) Improved understanding, evidence, analysis, and stakeholder engagement on the extent, drivers and consequences of labour and skills shortages and related policy and investment needs to tackle such shortages relating to the green and digital transitions and skills needs for “green jobs” and a just transition.

b) Enhanced awareness-raising, advocacy, capacity building, evidence and knowledge in the area of just transition as regards employment, skills and social issues of the green transition, in particular through the annual EU-ILO Just Transition Pavillion at COP (UNFCCC Conference of the Parties) and the establishment and implementation of a Just Transition Work Programme and related Ministerial Meeting.

Policy action should contribute to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Expected results

There is only limited evidence on which economic sectors will flourish by 2030/2050 and which will decline, and only a partial understanding of how labour demand will shift across sectors and regions, in line with different transition pathways and climate change scenarios. Further analysis on this topic will help understand better issues such as the economic costs of skills shortages and the expected investment needs for the green and digital transition, as well as the impacts of labour and skill shortages on the green and digital transitions.

The expected results of the project are:

- Contributing to building a comprehensive understanding and analytical knowledge of “green jobs” and “digital transition jobs” (as currently there is no definition or taxonomy) at the international level.

- Improved evidence and knowledge base, including with quantitative estimates of the social investment needs (e.g. for skills development and job creation across various sectors) in the green and digital transitions, thereby feeding into the monitoring of just transition policies.

- Raised awareness, enhanced capacities, and strengthened cooperation with stakeholders on just transition at the international level, including contributions to the evidence and knowledge base of the “Green Jobs for Youth Pact”.

Description of the activities to be funded

a) Provision of granular and up-to-date data on labour and skills shortages in green and digital jobs and sectors, as well as analysis of their impact on the green and digital transition, and input to policy development in this area (including at the EU level).

b) Co-organisation of the EU-ILO Just Transition Pavilion at the COP-28 in 2023, COP-29 in 2024 and COP-30 in 2025, including a number of high level events and workshops related to the just transition contributing to the UNFCCC Work Programme on Just Transition and Ministerial activities in this area.

c) Analysis of aspects related to just transitions, including the identification, assessment and sharing of best practices and innovative solutions in third countries outside the EU.

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(5) Point 9 of Part 2 – Actions implemented under indirect management is amended as follows:

The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

“The indicative global budgetary envelope reserved for other actions or expenditure under this work programme amounts to EUR 5 700 000

Budget line 07.020100.05: N/A

Budget line 07.020400: EUR 5 700 000

BUDGET LINE

07.020400- ESF+ - Employment and Social Innovation strand

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(6) Point 9.1 of Part 2 – Actions implemented under indirect management is replaced by the following:

“9.1. Various meetings of standing, ad-hoc committees and other events

Amount

EUR 1 346 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

To support events and meetings organised by DG EMPL in particular in the field of safety and health at work, labour law, mutual learning and pensions.

Implementation

Co-delegation to PMO

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