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SUMMARY

Public Health Programme - Work Programme for 2014

The annexes to Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 3383 of 26 May 2014 concerning the work programme for 2014 in the framework of the third Programme of the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) and the EU financial contribution to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, serving as a financing decision set out the priorities and actions to be undertaken, including the allocation of resources (Annex I). The other annexes cover the eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria as well as criteria for assessing the independence from industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests, and exceptional utility criteria (Annexes II to VII). The allocation of resources (including EFTA) for the year 2014 is as follows: for grants (implemented under direct management): EUR 39 993 000; for procurement (implemented under direct management): EUR 12 279 100; and for other actions: EUR 2 184 000. The total available budget is established at EUR 54 456 100 for 2014.

The full version of the annexes after adoption of the Work Programme 2014, will be available only in English and accessible at http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm

ACTIONS PROPOSED FOR FUNDING (ANNEX I)

Annex I of the Implementing Decision sets out the details of the various actions scheduled for 2014.

GRANTS

The total amount earmarked for this section is EUR 39 993 000.

- **Grants for projects**: Under the overall operational budget reserved for grants, EUR 12 300 000 are allocated to projects. The maximum rate for EU co-financing is 60 %. However, this may be up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility set out in Annex VII. Annex II contains the eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria for project grants.

In 2014, the following actions are identified for funding:

- Potential of innovation for the prevention and management of major chronic diseases (diabetes, cardiovascular diseases...);
- Promotion of early diagnosis and screening of preventable chronic diseases;
- Development of innovative approaches to promote the professional reintegration of people with chronic diseases and improving their employability;
- Support in areas related to adherence, frailty, integrated care and multi-chronic conditions;

- Financial support for statistical data in the area of medicinal product pricing in Member States;
- Sustainable health monitoring and reporting system;
- Healthcare associated infections via prevention and control in nursing homes and long-term facilities.

- **Grants for actions co-financed with Member State authorities:** EUR 18 593 000 will be reserved for grants for actions co-financed with Member State authorities. The maximum rate of EU co-financing is 60 %. This may be up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility set out in Annex VII. Annex IV contains the eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria for these actions.

In 2014, the following actions are identified:

- Facilitation of sharing of best practices in the field of nutrition and physical activity;
- Improvement of HIV and co-infection prevention;
- Improvement of the situation of people with dementia;
- Response to highly dangerous and emerging pathogens in the EU;
- Improved coordination and resource sharing for medical devices;
- Support to eHealth Network;
- support to an EU wide rare diseases information database; and
- Strengthening the Member States' capacity of monitoring and control in the field of blood transfusion and tissue and cell transplantation.

- **Financial contribution to the functioning of non-governmental body (Operating grants):** Under the overall operational budget reserved for grants, EUR 4 650 000 are reserved for operating grants. Operating grants are calculated based on eligible costs incurred. The maximum rate for EU co-financing is 60 %. However, this may go up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility set out in Annex VII. Annex III contains the exclusion, eligibility, selection and award criteria for operating grants. Annex VI contains the criteria for assessing the independence from industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests.

The call for proposals 2014 aims at providing financial contributions (operating grants) to the functioning of non-governmental bodies, including networks, through the conclusion of framework partnership agreements (FPA) for a duration of maximum three years – covering the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 – and, subsequently, of specific grant agreements for the financial year 2015. All activities within the scope of Annex I of the Programme Regulation can be funded by a specific grant awarded under a framework partnership. In 2014, among these operating grants, support will be given in priority to work supporting the dissemination of the European Cancer Code, the secretariat of the HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum, to activities linked to rare diseases in general, smoking prevention and the prevention and management of chronic diseases.

- **Presidency conference grants:** Presidency conferences, which are highly political in nature and involve representation at the highest national and European levels, are to be organised exclusively by the Member State holding the Presidency of the European Union. Two conferences organised by the Presidencies of the European Union may receive up to EUR 100 000 each, the maximum rate of EU co-financing being 50 % of eligible costs

incurred. The conferences supported under this work plan are a conference on 'Health in the Mediterranean area' planned under the Italian Presidency (second half of 2014) and a conference on 'Healthy Lifestyles' under the Latvian Presidency (first half of 2015).

- **Direct grant agreements with international organisations:** The overall budgetary allocation reserved for actions implemented via direct grants to international organisations amounts to EUR 2 750 000. The maximum EU co-financing rate is 60 %, up to 80 % in case of exceptional utility. Funding for actions with international organisations will be allocated through grant agreements without a call for proposals on topics specifically identified in this work plan.

In 2014, activities supported will address:

- Nutrition (Grant to the World Health Organisation);
- Alcohol consumption (Grant to the World Health Organisation);
- The European Pharmacopoeia (Grant to the Council of Europe); and
- Legislation on substances of human origin (Grant to the Council of Europe).

In addition, funding through grants will also be awarded to the Secretariat of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme.

- **Cross sub-delegation to Eurostat implemented through grants procedures:** The overall budgetary allocation reserved for these actions is EUR 1 500 000. Support will be given to actions related to Morbidity statistics and Health expenditures (cross sub-delegation to Eurostat) and will be implemented through grants, without a call for proposals. In 2014, the maximum rate for EU co-financing may be up to 70 % due to the exceptional utility of the actions.

PROCUREMENT

For procurement (implemented under direct management), the total amount earmarked is EUR 12 279 100. It covers activities such as the evaluation and monitoring of actions and policies; studies; provision of advice, data and information on health; scientific and technical assistance; communication, awareness-raising and dissemination of results; and information technology applications in support of policies. Framework contracts and new service contracts will be used following tendering procedures for public procurement on TED. An overview of actions considered in this section is provided below:

- Evaluation of the anti-tobacco campaign "Ex-smokers are unstoppable" and Anti-tobacco communication campaign aimed at encouraging smoking cessation;
- Monitoring of the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health;
- Monitoring the EU Alcohol and Health Forum;
- EU Health Policy Forum or similar cross cutting stakeholder activities;
- Disseminating good practice on mental health through the European Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well-being;

- Tobacco legislation: Provision of technical and scientific input and tailor-made tools to prepare and adopt cost-effective measures against smoking on the EU level, as well as to support the implementation of the existing policies;
- High level hearing/conference with stakeholders on the state of art of seasonal influenza vaccination followed by a study on cost-benefit and socio-economic impact of seasonal influenza vaccination;
- Cost-benefit of reference laboratories for human pathogens;
- Organisation of a command post exercise to test emergency coordination;
- Support to preparedness activities under Decision No 1082/2013/EU on serious cross-border health threats including joint procurement of medical countermeasures;
- Maintenance and development of the existing Eudamed and the PORT authentication e-services portal;
- Development of the future EUDAMED following the adoption by the legislators of new Regulations on medical devices;
- Development of a data storage system for reports of assessments of notified bodies;
- Video on National Contact Points on cross-border healthcare;
- Assessment of implementation of Patients' Rights Directive;
- Cross-border health services;
- Health economics;
- Communication on online pharmacies – translation support;
- Maximum Residue Limits;
- EMP database (management of marketing authorisations for medicinal products and of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products) and IT systems;
- Off-label use of medicinal products;
- Implementation of the pharmaceutical legislation;
- ICH reform and establishment of the International Pharmaceutical Regulators Forum (IPRF);
- Scientific and technical assistance for scientific committees, the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health and public health policies;
- Support for the definition of core competences of healthcare assistants;
- Implementation of the Cross-border Healthcare Directive;
- Costs of unsafe care and cost-effectiveness of patient safety programmes;
- AMR - Third EU Report on the implementation of the Council Recommendation 77/2002/EC on prudent use of antimicrobial agents;
- Eurobarometer for blood, tissues and cells.

Horizontal activities

- Communication, promotion and dissemination of information on EU health policies and the results of the Health programmes;
- Information technologies in support of public health policies.

OTHER ACTIONS

The overall budgetary allocation for other actions in 2014 amounts to EUR 2 184 000. This section covers contributions paid by the EU as subscriptions to bodies of which it is a member, administrative agreements with the Joint Research Centre (JRC), system inspections on medicinal products, and special indemnities paid to experts for participating in meetings and for work on scientific opinions and advice on health systems.

Actions considered under this action will address:

- cancer information system (administrative agreement with the JRC);
- organisation and management of the meetings of the Medical Device Coordination Group;
- reimbursement of experts' expenses for joint assessments;
- Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health (indemnities paid to experts);
- the development of EU requirements for the placing on the market of medicinal products for human use through the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH);
- the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Veterinary Use (VICH - expert indemnities);
- active pharmaceutical ingredients: system inspections;
- the Commission membership fee to the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies; and
- Scientific Committees (indemnities paid to experts).