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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2018 and the financing for the emergency assistance within the framework of the Internal Security Fund - the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

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Annual Work Programme for 2018 and the financing for the emergency assistance within the framework of the Internal Security Fund – Borders and Visa¹

1. INTRODUCTION

On the basis of the objective to address the urgent and exceptional migratory pressure faced by some Member States at their external borders and to enhance solidarity by providing additional support to address emergency situations at the EU external border, this work programme contains the actions to be financed for 2018 as follows:

- a) for grants
- b) for actions implemented under indirect management

Emergency assistance may consist of assistance in Member States and in third countries. Any actions in and in relation with third countries under this work programme will be carried out in synergy and in coherence with other actions outside the Union supported through Union funds, in particular external assistance instruments. The identification and implementation of such actions is fully coordinated with EEAS and relevant European Commission's external relations services.

Legal basis

Articles 6, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014; point (f) of Article 2 and Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 515/2014
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Budget line

Budget lines	Amount for AWP 2018
Budget line 18 02 01 01 – Support of border management and a common visa policy to facilitate legitimate travel	EUR 34.147.147,71

Objectives pursued

Provide support in response to an emergency situation as defined in point (f) of Article 2 and Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 in accordance with the framework set up on in to Articles 6, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014.

Expected results

¹ Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014, establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa repealing decision No 574/2007/EC (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 143).

5 to 8 projects selected for emergency assistance, in direct management or in indirect management.

Reference	Date	Global budgetary envelope reserved
HOME/2018/ISFB/AG/EMAS	At the initiative of the entities concerned	EUR 34.147.147,71

2. GRANTS

Types of applicants targeted by the direct award for emergency assistance

The following entities can submit applications for emergency assistance: Member States, International Organisations or Union agencies. Other entities can be involved in the implementation of the action as co-applicants.

N.B. For entities referred to in Article 7, points (d) and (e) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, namely international organisations and organisations assimilated with international organisations in accordance with Article 156 of the Financial Regulation, the budget will be implemented in indirect management. (See point 3)

Description

Financial assistance to address urgent and specific needs in the event of an emergency situation, resulting from an urgent and exceptional pressure where a large or disproportionate number of third country nationals cross or are expected to cross the external border of one or more Member States or any other duly substantiated situation requiring urgent action at external borders.

The emergency assistance will be provided for as long as the emergency situation lasts.

The emergency assistance will be provided in the form of action grants awarded directly without a call for proposals, following a proposal for action, including a request for funding, submitted to the Commission by one of the eligible entities, in accordance with the provisions of Article 195 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (the Financial Regulation).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Selection criteria

In accordance with Article 198 of the Financial Regulation, proposals for action will be evaluated on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Financial capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period for which the grant

is awarded and to participate in its funding.

- Operational capacity - Applicants and co-applicants must have the professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

In accordance with Article 198(5) of the Financial Regulation, the verification of the financial and operational capacity will not apply to public bodies and international organisations.

Award criteria

In accordance with Article 199 of the Financial Regulation, proposals for an action will be evaluated on the basis of relevance of the proposal with regards to the objectives and the expected impact of the proposed activities on the situation in the countries concerned.

Rate of co-financing and other information

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

Up to 100% of the total eligible costs

Other information

The grant will be covered by a written agreement.

Emergency assistance may support expenditure incurred prior to the date of submission of the request for assistance, if this is necessary for the successful implementation of the action and it is demonstrated that the emergency situation prevailed earlier than the submission of the request.

The indicative timetable for grants to be awarded: Q1 – Q4 2019.

3. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN INDIRECT MANAGEMENT

Implementing entity

International organisations and entities assimilated with international organisations in accordance with Article 156 of the Financial Regulation which submit an application for which the action is awarded. This concerns in particular international organisation which have been subject to an ex-ante assessment pursuant to Article 154 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046, including those that are signatories of a framework partnership agreement in force concluded with the European Commission pursuant to Council Regulation (EU) No 2016/369, or are covered by the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement concluded with the United Nations.

Such organisations will have to demonstrate specific technical competence and experience appropriate for the action.

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The indicative timetable for contribution agreements to be awarded: Q1 – Q4 2019.