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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**

**of 11.12.2014**

**adopting an Annual Action Programme for Kosovo<sup>\*</sup> for the year 2014**

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures of the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 2 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>2</sup> and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Regulation (EU) No 231/2014<sup>3</sup> lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to beneficiaries listed in Annex I to that Regulation.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 assistance should be implemented through annual or multi-annual, country-specific or multi-country programmes. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the framework for assistance referred to in Article 4 of the Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 and the relevant country or multi-country indicative strategy papers referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) The Council established an Accession Partnership or a European Partnership for all beneficiaries listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 231/2014. The Commission adopted an indicative strategy paper for Kosovo for 2014 - 2020 on 20 August 2014 which provides indicative allocations for the sectors for pre-accession assistance<sup>4</sup>.
- (4) Considering the proposals for action submitted by the beneficiaries concerned, the Annual Action Programme for 2014 aims at providing assistance for actions in the following sectors: democracy and governance, rule of law and fundamental rights, energy, competitiveness and innovation, agriculture and rural development.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 11).

<sup>4</sup> C(2014) 5772, adopted on 20.08.2014.

- (5) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision, the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (6) The Commission should be able to entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entities specified in this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. In accordance with Article 60(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the authorising officer responsible needs to ensure that these entities guarantee a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union equivalent to that required when the Commission manages Union funds.
- (7) The *Council of Europe* and the *International Organisation for Migration (IOM)* are currently undergoing the assessment under Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. In anticipation of the results of this review, the authorising officer responsible deems that, based on the entities' positive assessment under Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>5</sup> and on the long-standing and problem-free cooperation with them, budget-implementation tasks can be entrusted to these entities.
- (8) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex and for the reasons provided therein.
- (9) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (10) Pursuant to Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the Commission should define changes to this Decision which are not substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible
- (11) The action programme or measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA II Committee set up by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014<sup>6</sup>,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### *Article 1*

#### Adoption of the programme

The 2014 Annual Action Programme for Kosovo under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) as set out in the Annex(es), is hereby approved.

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<sup>5</sup> Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1).

<sup>6</sup> The Member States have declared, recalling the Council Conclusions of 18 February 2008 that the adoption of this programme does not prejudice the position of each individual Member State on the status of Kosovo, which will be decided in accordance with their national practice and international law.

## Article 2

### *Financial contribution*

The maximum amount of the European Union contribution for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 66 050 000 and shall be financed as follows:

EUR 37 900 000 to be financed from budget line 22.02.01.01 of the general budget of the EU for year 2014.

EUR 28 150 000 to be financed from budget line 22.02.01.02 of the general budget of the EU for year 2014.

The financial contributions referred to in the first sub-paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

## Article 3

### *Implementation modalities*

This programme shall be implemented by *direct and indirect management*.

The budget implementation tasks under indirect management may be entrusted to the entities identified in the Annex subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

A Financing Agreement shall be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Kosovo in conformity with the Framework Agreement to be concluded between the same parties.

## Article 4

### *Grants without a call for proposals*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

## Article 5

### *Non-substantial changes*

The following changes shall not be considered substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions:

- (a) increases or decreases for not more than 20% of the maximum contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, and not exceeding EUR 10 million;
- (b) cumulated reassignments of funds between specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2;

- (c) extensions of the implementation and closure period;
- (d) within the limits of 20% referred to in points (a) and (b) above, up to 5% of the contribution referred to in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this financing decision may serve to finance actions which were not foreseeable at the time the present financing decision was adopted, provided that those actions are necessary to implement the objectives and the results set out in the programme.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 11.12.2014

*For the Commission*  
*Johannes HAHN*  
*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX 1

### ANNUAL ACTION PROGRAMME FOR KOSOVO\* FOR THE YEAR 2014

#### 1 IDENTIFICATION

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<i>Kosovo</i>
<b>CRIS/ABAC Commitment references</b>	2014/032-353 EUR 37 900 000 22.02 01 01 2014/032-355 EUR 28 150 000 22.02 01 02
<b>Total cost</b>	<i>EUR 75 380 000</i>
<b>EU Contribution</b>	<i>EUR 66 050 000</i>
<b>Budget lines</b>	22.02 01 01 and 22.02 01 02
<b>Management Mode/ Entrusted entities</b>	Direct management by the European Commission Indirect management by the entrusted entities listed below:  Action 6: Council of Europe for " Project Against Economic Crime II"  Action 11: International Organisation for Migration (IOM) for "EU-Community Stabilisation Programme Phase III"
<b>Final date for concluding <u>Financing Agreements</u> with the IPA II beneficiary</b>	At the latest by 31 December 2015
<b>Final date for concluding <u>delegation agreements</u> under indirect management</b>	At the latest by 31 December 2015
<b>Final date for concluding <u>procurement and grant contracts</u></b>	3 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement, with the exception of the cases listed under Article 189(2) Financial Regulation
<b>Final date for operational implementation</b>	6 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement.
<b>Final date for implementing the Financing Agreement</b>	12 years following the conclusion of the Financing Agreement.
<b>Programming Unit</b>	ELARG C3 Kosovo Unit
<b>Implementing Unit/ EU Delegation</b>	EU Office in Kosovo

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## 2 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME

### 2.1 SECTORS SELECTED UNDER THIS ACTION PROGRAMME

- *Rationale for the selection of the specific sectors under this programme*

Under the IPA 2014 Annual Action Programme for Kosovo, the following sectors will be supported: democracy and governance, rule of law and fundamental rights; energy, competitiveness and innovation; agriculture and rural development.

Under **democracy and governance**, particular focus will be given to efforts to improve public administration in Kosovo, so as to enable it to transpose, apply and implement the *EU acquis*, especially in areas covered in the future Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA). The programme will also support civil society to increase its effectiveness, independence and accountability in its participation in the policy making process. The programme will also help strengthen the capacities of the Kosovo assembly.

Under **rule of law and fundamental rights**, challenges in three sub-sectors will be addressed: in the "justice" sub-sector, the focus will be on strengthening legal education to increase levels of professionalism, accountability and efficiency in the judiciary. Under home affairs, the focus will be on strengthening the structures dealing with migration in Kosovo in line with the relevant benchmarks of the visa roadmap, and on strengthening the institutions fighting trafficking in human beings. Under fundamental rights and minorities, the focus will be on enhancing the respect of human rights, supporting the inclusion of non-majority communities and vulnerable groups, and facilitating the departure of displaced families from collective centres.

The actions under **energy** will focus primarily on the preparation of the decommissioning of the non-working parts of the power plant Kosovo A, and the implementation of legislation transposing the Third Energy Package. These actions will contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions and improved efficiency of the energy sector in Kosovo.

Under **competitiveness and innovation** the programme will help improve the competitiveness of the private sector in Kosovo, in particular through the improvement of municipal infrastructure, and support entrepreneurs through the regional development programme.

In **agriculture and rural development**, the actions foreseen will help improve the competitiveness of the agri-food sector in Kosovo, improve the living conditions of the rural population, strengthen food safety and increase the export capability of the agri-food sector.

- **Overview of past and on-going EU, other donors' and/or IPA II beneficiary's actions in the relevant sectors:**

The actions under each section build on past EU assistance delivered through IPA I: lessons learned from past evaluations and audits were taken in account when designing the new actions, as well as the complementarity of actions financed from other donors.

Within the government, the Ministry of European Integration (MEI) is responsible for coordinating donor assistance. The Aid Management Platform, established with EU support, is used as the main tool for monitoring of donor activities. Sector working groups, established

with the aim to coordinate donor activities, are not yet fully functional and lack substantial involvement from donors and line institutions. However, progress has been achieved in some sectors, such as public administration reform, and agriculture and rural development where some monitoring and implementation structures have been set up. The EU Office hosts bi-monthly coordination meetings with EU Member States and other bilateral and multilateral donors (US, UN agencies etc.). Close cooperation has been developed with the European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) on EU assistance provided to the rule of law sector. Kosovo has initiated work towards integrating the sector approach, in order to coordinate the interventions of the EU and other donors with its own interventions more efficiently, in the context of the implementation of its sector strategies. These efforts will be firstly applied to the following three sectors: rule of law and fundamental rights, energy, agriculture and rural development.

***List of Actions foreseen under the selected Sectors/Priorities:***

**Democracy and Governance**

<b>DIRECT MANAGEMENT</b>	
Action 1 "Young Cell Scheme" (YCS)	EUR 1 500 000
Action 2 "Support to Public Administration Reform Process"	EUR 3 500 000
Action 3 "Further Support to Kosovo Assembly"	EUR 1 300 000
Action 4 "EU Legal Approximation Facility"	EUR 8 000 000
Action 5 "Facility to the Implementation of Political Priorities, including the Pristina-Belgrade Dialogue"	EUR 3 000 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 17 300 000</b>

**Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights**

<b>DIRECT MANAGEMENT</b>		<b>OTHER IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS</b>	
Action 6 "Project Against Economic Crime II"		Indirect management with Council of Europe	EUR 2 000 000
Action 7 "Strengthening the Capacities of the Judicial System"	EUR 4 400 000		
Action 8 "Further Support to Public Safety, Free Legal Professions and Legal Education Reform"	EUR 3 800 000		
Action 9 "Strengthening Kosovo Institutions in Effective Management of Migration, Asylum and Fight	EUR 3 500 000		

Against Trafficking with Human Beings."			
Action 10 "EU Support for the Implementation of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy 2"	EUR 1 300 000		
Action 11 "Community Stabilisation and Refugees Integration Programme"	EUR 3 600 000	Indirect management with International Organisation for Migration	EUR 2 000 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 16 600 000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 4 000 000</b>

### Energy

<b>DIRECT MANAGEMENT</b>	
Action 12 "Kosovo A Decommissioning and Feasibility Study on Kosovo B TPP"	EUR 3 000 000
Action 13 " Support on Implementing the 3rd Energy Package and EU acquis on Energy Efficiency and Renewables"	EUR 2 500 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 5 500 000</b>

### Competitiveness and Innovation

<b>DIRECT MANAGEMENT</b>	
Action 14 "Support to Regional Economic Development"	EUR 2 550 000
Action 15 "Support to Sustainable Partnerships between CSOs, Social Enterprises and Government for Better Social Services for the Most Vulnerable Groups."	EUR 2 000 000
Action 16 " Municipal Social and Economic Infrastructure"	EUR 7 600 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 12 150 000</b>

### Agriculture and Rural Development

<b>DIRECT MANAGEMENT</b>	
Action 17 "Agriculture and Rural Development Support Programme"	EUR 7 000 000
Action 18 "Food Safety and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Control"	EUR 3 500 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 10 500 000</b>

## 2.2 DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIONS

<b>SECTOR 1</b>	<i>Democracy and Governance</i>	<i>EUR 17 300 000</i>
<b>Action 1</b>	<i>Young Cell Scheme</i>	<i>EUR 1 500 000</i>

### *(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators*

The main objective of this action is to generate a pool of civil servants with expertise in areas identified as weak and/or particularly relevant to the implementation of the future SAA that can drive and implement reforms in the public administration.

Expected results include the selection, training and recruitment by the Kosovo civil service of candidates that can help fill capacity gaps in line-ministries.

Key performance indicators include:

- Number of YCS grantees recruited by the Kosovo public administration one year after graduation
- Percentage of YCS recruits belonging to minority communities

### *(2) Assumptions and conditions*

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: the Ministry for European Integration signs Memoranda of Understanding with relevant Government bodies to secure a budget allocation to employ ‘young cell’ grantees (YCS); a proper assessment of the profiles needed by the relevant institutions is carried out and agreed within the Government; Failure to comply with the above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

### *(3) Implementation arrangement of the action: direct management*

#### *Essential elements of the action*

#### **Procurement:**

- the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 1 500 000:
- the indicative number and type of contracts: 1-2 service contracts
- indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: first semester 2015

<b>SECTOR 1</b>	<i>Democracy and Governance</i>	<i>EUR 17 300 000</i>
<b>Action 2</b>	<i>Support to the Public Administration Reform Process</i>	<i>EUR 3 500 000</i>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to contribute to the establishment of an effective and efficient public administration capable of implementing SAA obligations and improved service delivery for citizens and businesses.

Expected results include strengthened technical and administrative capacity of the Kosovo public administration to effectively implement the SAA; a public administration that is more effective because of improved human resource management; adequate capacity to ensure the proper implementation of the General Administrative Procedure Law; enhanced visibility of Kosovo's EU approximation agenda.

Key indicators include:

- No of policies harmonised and prioritised in compliance with SAA obligations;
- % of Kosovo's citizens aware of Kosovo's EU approximation agenda
- Progress made on administrative reforms (qualitative assessment, Progress report)

***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

Conditions that need to be met if this action is to deliver on the indicative results include the adoption of the General Administrative Procedures Law and the allocation of sufficient resources. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangement of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Procurement:**

- the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 1 875 000:
- the indicative number and type of contracts: 1 - 2 service contracts
- indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q2 2015

**Grant – Twinning - Call for proposal (EUR): 1 625 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: institutional capacity of Kosovo ministries, in particular the MEI, to plan policy and transpose the *EU Acquis* increased, human resources management strengthened,.
- b) Indicative amount of Twinning contract: EUR 1 625 000
- c) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: 3Q 2015

<b>SECTOR 1</b>	<b><i>Democracy and Governance</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 17 300 000</i></b>
<b>Action 3</b>	<b><i>Further Support to the Kosovo Assembly</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 1 300 000</i></b>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of this action is to strengthen the independent role of the Kosovo assembly. Expected results include the assembly's effective and efficient oversight of the executive, including independent agencies, the assembly's improved role in the legislative process, and its improved resource management in the areas of finance, HR and infrastructure.

Key indicators include:

- Laws/secondary legislation /procedures drafted with EU support for the implementation of the Law on assembly;
- No of regular hearings at the level of Commissions and plenary to implement the Assembly monitoring role vis-a-vis independent agencies and Government;

***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: political commitment to parliamentary control; proactive involvement of the assembly's secretariat; commitment of assembly staff; the allocation of sufficient resources.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangement of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Grant –Twinning - Call for proposal (EUR): 1 300 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: As above.
- b) Indicative amount of Twinning contract: EUR 1 300 000
- c) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: 4Q 2014

<b>SECTOR 1</b>	<b><i>Democracy and Governance</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 17 300 000</i></b>
<b>Action 4</b>	<b><i>EU Legal Approximation Facility</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 8 000 000</i></b>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to support Kosovo in its EU approximation process. Expected results include the progressive harmonisation of Kosovo legislation on labour and health and safety at work with the *EU acquis*, the proper implementation of SAA provisions on services, and the establishment of a mechanism to design and prioritise investment projects.

Key indicators:

- Degree of alignment of the legislation in the area of working conditions and health and safety at work with EU *acquis*;
- Percentage of accidents at work in relation to the number of employed people;
- Improvement of access to services, recipients' rights and quality of services

**(2) Assumptions and conditions**

The following conditions will need to be met if the above indicative results are to be achieved: political commitment to the reform process; commitment of staff in the relevant ministries; the allocation of adequate resources. Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

**(3) Implementation arrangement of the action: direct management**

**Essential elements of the action**

**Procurement:**

- the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 8 000 000:
- the indicative number and type of contracts 3 service contracts, 1 works contract, 1 supply contract
- indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q2 2015

<b>SECTOR 1</b>	<b><i>Democracy and Governance</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 17 300 000</i></b>
<b>Action 5</b>	<b><i>Facility for the Implementation of Political Priorities, including Pristina-Belgrade Dialogue</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 3 000 000</i></b>

**(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators**

The main objective of the action is to provide Kosovo with means to allow for a quick and effective response to urgent political needs that may arise from the Pristina-Belgrade dialogue, the EULEX review and other EU-related political priorities that cannot be defined at the time of programming. Expected results include: agreements reached in the Pristina-Belgrade dialogue implemented, follow-up to the EULEX strategic review ensured, and other EU-related political priorities adequately addressed.

Key indicators:

- Progress made by Kosovo on the political criteria (qualitative assessment, Progress Report)

**(2) Assumptions and conditions**

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: continuation of the dialogue process and implementation of agreements reached; implementation of the 'First agreement of principles' of April 2013; implementation of recommendations emanating from the visa liberalisation dialogue; implementation of the EULEX Strategic Review.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

### ***(3) Implementation arrangement of the action: direct management***

#### ***Essential elements of the action***

This action will serve to finance activities which are necessary to implement the objectives and results set out above. Subject to further developments, including the EU-facilitated dialogue between Pristina and Belgrade, the EULEX review and the visa dialogue, the action may be implemented through twinning/twinning light /service /framework /grant contracts as well as work contracts, supply contracts and/ direct grant agreements where the need for a rapid response is required.

<b>SECTOR 2</b>	<b><i>Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 20 600 000</i></b>
<b>Action 6</b>	<b><i>Project Against Economic Crime II</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 2 000 000</i></b>

#### ***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The objective of the action is to prevent and control corruption, money-laundering and the financing of terrorism in Kosovo. It will in particular assess the applicable regulations and practices in Kosovo and their compliance with evolving international standards in the area of anti-corruption (AC), anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) based on assessment process modelled on Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures (MONEYVAL) methodologies and specifically tailored for Kosovo.

Expected results include: Kosovo institutions equipped to counter corruption, money-laundering and financing of terrorism in accordance with European standards.

Key indicators:

- Kosovo rating in the Comparative Indicator-based Monitoring of Anti-Corruption Progress initiative (CIMAP);
- Level of compliance by Kosovo institutions with international standards (GRECO and FATF/MONEYVAL) in the area of fight against corruption and money laundering and cross-annual comparison of anticorruption reported, investigated, prosecuted and adjudicated cases.

#### ***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: political will to prevent corruption, money laundering and terrorism financing, if necessary through legislative means; sufficient absorption capacity of stakeholders; commitment and co-operation to implement assessment recommendations.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

**(3) Implementation arrangement of the action: indirect management**

**(3)(a) Entity entrusted with budget implementation tasks**

The action aims to embed and implement in the Kosovo legal framework the provisions of evolving international standards in the area of anti-corruption (AC), anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism. This action will be implemented through a delegation agreement under indirect management with the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe adopted resolutions on these issues, which are reflected in the *EU acquis*. Its expertise in this area together with its experience in advising IPA II beneficiaries makes it the most suitable organisation to implement the action. Moreover, this action constitutes the second phase of a project successfully implemented by the Council of Europe in Kosovo.

**(3)(b) Short description of the tasks entrusted to the entity**

The Council of Europe will be responsible for tendering the selection of services in order to achieve the action objectives. It will also be responsible for supervising the implementation on the ground, to report to the EUO, and to monitor the activities.

<b>SECTOR 2</b>	<b><i>Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 20 600 000</i></b>
<b>Action 7</b>	<b><i>Strengthening the Capacities of the Judicial System</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 4 400 000</i></b>

**(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators**

The action aims to increase the efficiency, transparency and the sustainability of Kosovo's judicial system by improving the planning and implementation of judicial/prosecutorial reforms, and enhancing the effectiveness of Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils in Kosovo. Expected results include: adequate capacity in place to allow for policy formulation, the drafting of legislation and its implementation; a Special Prosecution Office (SPRK) with the capacity to perform its duties; increased efficiency, accountability and transparency of the judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo.

Key indicators include:

- Number of developed and approved policies enabling judicial reform in Kosovo;
- Kosovo's ranking the Global Integrity Report (Category VI-3)

**(2) Assumptions and conditions**

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: continuing political support for reforms in the justice system in its entirety; effective communication and continuous commitment and cooperation from all stakeholders; the allocation of adequate resources.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

**(3) Implementation arrangement of the action: direct management**

**Essential elements of the action**

**Grant –2 Twinning - Calls for proposal (EUR): 4 400 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: strengthened independence, efficiency, quality and accountability of judiciary and prosecutorial system in Kosovo, including the Special Prosecutor Office in Kosovo.
- b) Indicative amount of Twinning contracts: EUR 4 400 000
- c) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q1 2015

<b>SECTOR 2</b>	<b><i>Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights – Justice</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 20 600 000</i></b>
<b>Action 8</b>	<b><i>Further Support to Public Safety, Free Legal Professions and Legal Education Reform</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 3 800 000</i></b>

**(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators**

The action aims to strengthen legal education in Kosovo in the areas of public safety and legal professions, including liberal legal professions such as private law enforcement agents, mediators, notaries, bankruptcy administrators and advocates, as well as judges and prosecutors.

Expected results include: the provision of sustainable quality public safety and security education, research and development in Kosovo; an increase in the capacity of the liberal legal professions, the bar and the Kosovo Judicial Institute to carry out their activities, improving the overall quality of the rule of law in Kosovo.

Key indicators include:

- Number of graduated students, representing all public safety agencies, as first generation (2014/2015) of Kosovo Agency for Public Safety (KAPS) Bachelor Program;
- Number of law enforcement officials attended vocational training in KAPS;
- Level of access to justice through mediation and notary services;

**(2) Assumptions and conditions**

The following conditions will need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: continued support from the Kosovo government for reforms in the justice system; effective communication and continuous commitment and cooperation from all stakeholders; the allocation of adequate resources.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Grant –Twinning - Call for proposal (EUR): 2 400 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: the objective is to increase the quality of public safety and security education. Expected results are: increased capacity of the Kosovo Agency for public safety strengthened Kosovo Judicial Institute, improved quality of the judiciary system.
- b) Indicative amount of Twinning contracts: EUR 2 400 000
- c) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q2-3 2015

**Procurement:**

- the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 1 400 000:
- the indicative number and type of contracts: 2 service
- indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q2 2015

<b>SECTOR 2</b>	<b><i>Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights – Home Affairs</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 20 600 000</i></b>
<b>Action 9</b>	<b><i>Strengthening Kosovo Institutions in Effective Management of Migration, Asylum and Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings.</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 3 500 000</i></b>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The action aims to address two key issues in the area of home affairs: to help set up more efficient and effective migration management in line with the *EU acquis*; and to improve the fight against trafficking in human beings in Kosovo in line with the *EU acquis*.

Expected results include: increased coherence and effectiveness in the management of migratory flows from, to and through Kosovo, especially to EU Member States; increased coherence and effectiveness in the coordination of identification, protection, referral and reintegration of victims of trafficking.

Key indicators include:

- Number of asylum seekers' claims, addressed in timely and quality manner as per EU and UNHCR standards;
- Number of Kosovo citizens and migrants aware about the risks of irregular migration and the potential benefits of regular migration;
- Number of victims of trafficking in human beings in Kosovo.

## ***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: continuous commitment of the Kosovo government to successfully implement reforms to strengthen migration management; adoption of the Kosovo Anti Trafficking in human beings strategy for 2014-2019; the allocation of adequate resources; full and active engagement from all stakeholders.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

## ***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

### ***Essential elements of the action***

#### **Grant –Twinning - Call for proposal (EUR): 2 500 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: the objective is to help set up a more efficient and effective migration management in line with the EU acquis. The results will include Kosovo institutions responsible for migration management are capable of performing their duties in line with the *EU acquis*.
- b) Indicative amount of Twinning contracts: EUR 2 500 000
- c) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q2-3 2015

#### **Grant – Call for proposal (EUR): 1 000 000**

a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Specific objective of the Action: to enable Kosovo institutions to effectively coordinate and implement their efforts in fighting against trafficking in human beings. The foreseen results include: increased coherence and effectiveness in the coordination of identification, protection, referral and reintegration of victims of trafficking; strengthening of service provision and reintegration process for victims of trafficking

b) The essential eligibility criteria:

In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicant must:

- Be a legal person
- be non-profit-making **and**
- be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisations, international (inter-governmental) organisations as defined by Article 43 of the Implementing Rules of application of the Financial Regulation

- be established in<sup>1</sup> a Member State of the European Union or from a country covered by Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action (CIR). This obligation does not apply to international organisations **and**
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

- c) The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant.
- d) The essential award criteria are relevance, effectiveness and feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.
- e) Maximum rate of EU co-financing: 95 % of the eligible cost of the action.
- f) Indicative amount of the call: EUR 1 000 000
- g) Indicative date for launch of the call for proposals: Q2-3 2015

<b>SECTOR 2</b>	<b><i>Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 20 600 000</i></b>
<b>Action 10</b>	<b><i>EU Support for the Implementation of the Roma Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy 2– Education for integration</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 1 300 000</i></b>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The action aims to help Kosovo meet the objectives of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy as regards their integration into the education system. Expected results include: equitable access of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian children to pre-primary, primary and secondary education ensured.

Key indicators include:

- Gap in attendance between Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian and non-Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian children in pre-school and compulsory school level;
- Participation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian children in upper secondary education in Kosovo

***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: continued commitment by the Kosovo government to improved education for the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in Kosovo; commensurate action by the Kosovo authorities in cases of

<sup>1</sup> To be determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and that its head office is located in an eligible country. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a 'Memorandum of Understanding' has been concluded.

potential discrimination that may prevent RAE children access to education; the allocation of adequate resources; full and active engagement from all stakeholders.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Grant - Direct grant award (EUR): 1 300 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: as above.
- b) Justification for the use of an exception to calls for proposals: the Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, given its engagement in the field of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian integration in Kosovo since the 1990's, and given its active engagement in the design of the Roma Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy of Kosovo, falls under Article 190 (f) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012.
- c) The name of the beneficiary: *Kosovo Foundation for Open Society*
- d) Indicative amount of the grant: EUR 1 300 000
- e) The maximum possible rate of EU co-financing is 90 % of the eligible cost of the action.
- f) Indicative date for signing the grant agreement: Q2 2015

<b>SECTOR 2</b>	<b><i>Rule of Law and Fundamental rights – Fundamental rights</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 20 600 000</i></b>
<b>Action 11</b>	<b><i>Community Stabilisation and Refugees Integration Programme</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 5 600 000</i></b>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The action objective is to increase the integration of members of non-majority communities, by creating income-generating opportunities and provide individual housing solutions for displaced families living in collective centres.

Expected results include: an increase in employment opportunities for representatives of the communities concerned; an increased number of non-majority entrepreneurs engaged in economic activity in high-potential sectors; the closure of all collective centres in Shtërpcë/Štrpce Municipality and durable housing solutions provided to displaced families.

Key indicators for both components include:

- Share of supported businesses involved in higher value added production and processing;

- Number of business agreements resulting from facilitated contacts between supported businesses and majority value chain actors;
- Number of vulnerable displaced families provided with durable solutions and enhanced housing living conditions
- Number of closed collective centres in Shtërpcë/Štrpce municipality.

***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions will need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: adequate involvement by key stakeholders from the communities concerned and from government to ensure accuracy and community commitment; the allocation by Shtërpcë/Štrpce Municipality of adequate land; full and active engagement from all stakeholders.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action:***

***Activity: Community Stabilization Programme (EUR 2 000 000): indirect management***

***(3)(a) Entity entrusted with budget implementation tasks***

The part of the action (EUR 2 000 000) will be implemented through a delegation agreement with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) under indirect management. In close cooperation with the ministry of Communities and Returnees IOM has successfully implemented EU Community Stabilisation Programmes (EU-CSP & EU-CSPII). IOM has significant experience in the implementation of this particular type of programme from the initial post-conflict phases of Community Stabilisation Programmes (2002-2008 under CARDS funding) to the current action (since 2010 under IPA funding).

***(3)(b) Short description of the tasks entrusted to the entity***

IOM will work in close cooperation with the Ministry for Communities and Returnees and the Municipal Officers for Communities and Returns (MOCRs) in all relevant phases of the intervention. IOM will be responsible for tendering the selection of supplies and services in order to achieve the action objectives. It will also be responsible for supervising the implementation on the ground, to report to the EUO, and to monitor the activities.

***Activity Closure of Collective Centres (EUR 1 000 000): direct management***

***(3)(c) Essential elements of the action (for direct management)***

**Grant - Direct grant award (EUR): 3 600 000**

- Objectives and foreseen results: closure of five collective centres in Shtërpcë/Štrpce Municipality; delivery of individual housing solutions for families displaced in collective centres, and facilitation of their integration in the society.
- Justification for the use of an exception to calls for proposals: for many years, Danish Refugee Council has been working in Collective Centres throughout Western Balkans and has

actively supported the closure of several of them in the region. Due to its in-depth knowledge and experience on closures of CCs in the region, its established cooperation with Shtërpç/Štrpçe Municipality and the close and trustful relationship with displaced persons in Kosovo, the Danish Refugee Council is considered to fall under Article 190 (f) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012.

- c) The name of the beneficiary: Danish Refugee Council
- d) Indicative amount of the grant: EUR 3 600 000
- e) The maximum rate of EU co-financing is 92 % of the eligible cost of the action.
- f) Indicative date for signing the grant agreement: Q2 2015

<b>SECTOR 5</b>	<b><i>Energy</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 5 500 000</i></b>
<b>Action 12</b>	<b><i>Kosovo A Decommissioning and Feasibility Study on Kosovo B TPP</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 3 000 000</i></b>

***(a) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to support the Government's institutions and other relevant stakeholders and established mechanisms in the preparations for the decommissioning and dismantling process of facilities in TPP Kosovo A and for the study on Kosovo B. Expected results include: completion of all necessary technical and preparatory work for the physical decommissioning of the non-working parts of Kosovo A; a feasibility study for Kosovo B provides opportunities for the necessary technical and environmental investment in Kosovo B, for the revitalisation of units in the period 2017-2018.

Key indicators include:

- Completed studies and other documents necessary for starting the procedure of dismantling of the non working parts of TPP Kosovo A
- Meeting Energy Community Treaty requirements related to environmental acquis.

***(b) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: continued support from the government and the Kosovo Energy Company (KEK) to the mechanisms established for the decommissioning process of Kosovo A; allocation by the Ministry for Economic Development and KEK of adequate resources to the project.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(c) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Procurement:**

- a) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: *EUR 3 000 000*:

b) the indicative number and type of contracts: two service contracts

c) the indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q1 2015

<b>SECTOR 5</b>	<b><i>Energy</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 5 500 000</i></b>
<b>Action 13</b>	<b><i>Support on Implementing the 3rd Energy Package and EU acquis on Energy Efficiency and Renewables</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 2 500 000</i></b>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to support the Government's institutions and other relevant stakeholders of the energy sector in upgrading the legal and regulatory framework in compliance with the 3rd Energy Package and the *EU acquis* on energy efficiency and renewable energy as required by the Energy Community Treaty (ECT).

Expected results include: alignment of the legal and regulatory framework (including electricity, energy efficiency, renewables, co-generation) with the *EU acquis* as required by the Energy Community Treaty; strengthened capacity for planning and implementing Energy Efficiency and Renewable energy intervention both at central and local level.

Key indicators include:

- Meeting Energy Community Treaty requirements related to environmental acquis;
- Achievement of Kosovo energy efficiency targets;

***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: commitment from both central and local government to strengthen their policies on energy efficiency and renewable; alignment of the legal and programme deadlines foreseen in the implementation plans; adoption of the legislation required; effective communication and continuous commitment and cooperation of all stakeholders; the allocation of adequate resources.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Procurement:**

a) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: *EUR 2 500 000*:

b) the indicative number and type of contracts: two service contract

c) the indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q1 2015

<b>SECTOR 6</b>	<b><i>Competitiveness and Innovation</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 12 150 000</i></b>
<b>Action 14</b>	<b><i>Support to Regional Economic Development</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 2 550 000</i></b>

***(a) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to strengthen regional economic development in Kosovo. Expected results include: increased capacity of Kosovo regions to attract domestic and external investment; an increase in the number of companies operating in Kosovo; increased employment.

Key indicators include:

- Number of new registered businesses established in Kosovo;
- Value of investments attracted in Kosovo;

***(b) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: an adequate number of quality applications from potential beneficiaries of the action; a strategy for the Regional Development Agencies to gradually become financially independent.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(c) Implementation of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Grant - Direct grant award (EUR): 2 550 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: as above.
- b) Justification for the use of an exception to calls for proposals: Association of Regional Development Agencies (ARDA) is the only local Kosovo institution established for managing a network of regional development agencies and its services. ARDA is linked to the institutional framework of Kosovo, as mayors are sitting in the board of directors, as well as the relevant Ministry. This is due to the fact that ARDA was established with the specific purpose of help municipalities to boost their economic development  
  
Therefore, ARDA is considered to fall under Article 190 (f) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012.
- c) The name of the beneficiary: Association of Regional Development Agencies (ARDA)
- d) Indicative amount of the grant: EUR 2 550 000
- e) The maximum possible rate of EU co-financing is 95 % of the eligible cost of the action.
- f) Indicative date for signing the grant agreement: Q2 2015

<b>SECTOR 6</b>	<b><i>Competitiveness and Innovation</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 12 150 000</i></b>
<b>Action 15</b>	<b><i>Support to Sustainable Partnerships between CSOs, Social Enterprises and Government for Better Social Services for the Most Vulnerable Groups</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 2 000 000</i></b>

***(a) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to support the Ministry of Social Welfare and Municipalities in its efforts to decentralise social services and establish a system of delivery of social services at local level through the work of licenced social service providers. Expected results include: increased capacity for community-based social service delivery in Kosovo; delivery by social NGOs and social enterprises of community-based social services. Key indicators include:

- Number of partnerships between licensed social enterprises and the governmental institutions ;
- Number of licenced social NGOs and/or licenced social enterprises provided with a social service grant for municipal local level services.

***(b) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: adequate capacity at central and local level government to conduct monitoring and evaluation of the delivery of social and family services; communication and continuous commitment and cooperation from all stakeholders; the allocation of adequate resources.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(c) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Grant – Call for proposal (EUR):2 000 000**

***a) Objectives and foreseen results:***

Objectives of the action are: as above.

***b) The essential eligibility criteria:***

In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicant must:

- be a legal person **and**
- be non-profit making **and**

- be nationals of a Member State of the EU or of a country covered by Article 10 of CIR  
This obligation does not apply to international organisations **and**
  - be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary
- c) The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant.
- d) The essential award criteria are relevance, effectiveness and feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.
- e) The maximum possible rate of EU financing may be up to 100% of the total cost of the action in accordance with Article 192 of the Financial Regulation if full funding is essential for the action to be carried out. The necessity for full EU funding will be justified by the responsible authorising officer in the award decision, in respect of the principles of equal treatment and sound financial management.

<b>SECTOR 6</b>	<b><i>Competitiveness and Innovation</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 12 150 000</i></b>
<b>Action 16</b>	<b><i>Municipal Social and Economic Infrastructure</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 7 600 000</i></b>

***(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to ensure balanced regional development in Kosovo by reducing disparities between municipalities in terms of quality of life and economic development potential. Expected results include: an increase in the quantity and quality of social and business-related infrastructure in municipalities throughout Kosovo.

Key indicators include:

Number of infrastructure schemes completed  
Number of Municipalities participating in municipal infrastructure projects

***(2) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: all necessary pre-requisites, including land ownership and other legal issues, have been met; the appointment of sufficient competent municipal staff to follow up implementation; sustainability ensured by means of agreements for proper maintenance, etc. with selected municipalities.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Procurement:**

- a) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 7 600 000:
- b) the indicative number and type of contracts: 1-2 service contracts and 1-2 works contracts

c) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q1 2015-Q2 2016

<b>SECTOR 8</b>	<b><i>Agriculture and Rural Development</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 10 500 000</i></b>
<b>Action 17</b>	<b><i>Agriculture and Rural Development Support Programme</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 7 000 000</i></b>

***(a) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to increase the competitiveness of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and producers in the agri-food sector. Expected results include: an increase in product diversification; new technology and methodology introduced and operational in the agri-food sector in Kosovo.

Key indicators:

- Gross value added on agro-food enterprises;
- Number of farms and agro-food processors with improved standards towards meeting EU relevant standards

***(b) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: commitment from all relevant stakeholders; sufficient quality applications from potential beneficiaries.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Grant – Call for proposal (EUR): 7000 000**

a) Objectives and foreseen results: as above

b) The essential eligibility criteria: in order to be eligible for a grant, the applicant must:

- Be a legal person **and** ;
- **be registered agriculture producer or;**
- be a specific types of organisations such as: agro-food processing establishment and business entity **and**
- be registered and operational in Kosovo for the last three years (2012, 2013, 2014) **and**
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

c) The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant.

d) The essential award criteria are relevance, effectiveness and feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.

e) The maximum possible rate of EU co-financing for grants under this call is 60% of the eligible cost of the action. If the applicant proposes redistribution and/or climate change related measures, the maximum percentage of the total estimated eligible costs of the action is 75%.

f) Indicative amount of the call: EUR 7 000 000

g) Indicative date for launch of the call for proposals: Q2-3 2015

<b>SECTOR 8</b>	<b><i>Agriculture and Rural Development</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 10 500 000</i></b>
<b>Action 18</b>	<b><i>Food Safety and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Control</i></b>	<b><i>EUR 3 500 000</i></b>

***(a) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators***

The main objective of the action is to set up and implement a comprehensive *EU acquis* compliant food safety and sanitary and phytosanitary control system in Kosovo, including import, export, production, transport, processing and retail. Expected results include: adequate regulation of the livestock breeding sector, including the revival of the livestock breeding centre; expansion of the milk recording system in Kosovo.

Key indicators include:

- Implementation of food safety controls and legislation in all municipalities by KVFA
- Reduction of the number of food borne diseases

***(b) Assumptions and conditions***

The following conditions need to be met if the above results are to be achieved: commitment from all relevant stakeholders; availability of sufficient qualified staff and allocation of adequate resources to implement the food law and the law on livestock.

Failure to comply with the requirements set out above may lead to the recovery of funds under this programme and/or the re-allocation of future funding.

***(3) Implementation arrangements of the action: direct management***

***Essential elements of the action***

**Procurement:**

- a) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: *EUR 2 800 000*;
- b) the indicative number and type of contracts: one - service contracts
- c) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: *Q2 2015*

**Grant –Twinning - Call for proposal (EUR): 700 000**

- a) Objectives and foreseen results: Kosovo Food and Veterinary Laboratory capable of providing an increased range of services, including development and validation of existing and new tests as well as preparation for international accreditation.
- b) Indicative amount of Twinning contracts: EUR 700 000
- c) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q2-3 2015

### **2.3. PROVISIONS APPLYING TO ALL ACTIONS:**

#### **The essential selection and award criteria for grants (including direct award):**

The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant.

The essential award criteria are relevance, effectiveness and feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.

#### **The essential selection and award criteria for Twinning and Twinning Light:**

The essential eligibility criteria: applicants must be EU Member State administrations or mandated bodies.

The essential selection criterion is operational capacity of the applicant.

The essential award criteria are technical expertise of the applicant, and the relevance, methodology and sustainability of the proposed action

The maximum possible rate of EU financing for Twinning may be up to 100% of the total cost of the action in accordance with Article 192 of Financial Regulation if full funding is essential for the action to be carried out. The necessity for full EU funding will be justified by the responsible authorising officer in the award decision, in respect of the principles of equal treatment and sound financial management.

## **3 BUDGET**

### 3.1 INDICATIVE BUDGET TABLE - ACTION PROGRAMME FOR KOSOVO

		Direct Management			
		EU Contribution	IPA II beneficiary Co-financing	Total expenditure	MM
Objective 1	<b>Sector 1 Democracy and Governance</b>	<b>EUR 17 300 000</b>		<b>EUR 17 300 000</b>	direct
	Action 1 Young Cell Scheme	EUR 1 500 000		EUR 1 500 000	direct
	Action 2 Support to Public Administration Reform Process	EUR 3 500 000		EUR 3 500 000	direct
	Action 3 Further Support to Kosovo Assembly	EUR 1 300 000		EUR 1 300 000	direct
	Action 4 EU Legal Approximation Facility	EUR 8 000 000		EUR 8 000 000	direct
	Action 5 Facility to the Implementation of Political Priorities, including Pristina-Belgrade Dialogue	EUR 3 000 000		EUR 3 000 000	direct
	<b>Sector 2 Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights</b>	<b>EUR 20 600 000</b>	<b>EUR 450 000</b>	EUR 21 020 000	mixed
	Action 6 Project Against Economic Crime II	EUR 2 000 000		EUR 2 000 000	IM IO
	Action 7 Strengthening the Capacities of the Judicial System	EUR 4 400 000		EUR 4 400 000	direct
	Action 8 Further Support to Public Safety, Free Legal Professions and Legal Education Reform	EUR 3 800 000		EUR 3 800 000	direct
	Action 9 Strengthening Kosovo Institutions in Effective Management of Migration, Asylum and Fight Against Trafficking with Human Beings	EUR 3 500 000		EUR 3 500 000	direct
	Action 10 EU Support for the Implementation of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy 2	EUR 1 300 000	EUR 150 000	EUR 1 450 000	direct
	Action 11 Community Stabilisation and Refugees Integration Programme	EUR 5 600 000	EUR 300 000	EUR 5 900 000	direct, IM IO (mixed)
<b>Total Budget for Objective 1- budget line 22.02 01 01</b>		<b>EUR 37 900 000</b>	<b>EUR 450 000</b>	<b>EUR 38 350 000</b>	<b>mixed</b>
Objective 2	<b>Sector 5 Energy</b>	<b>EUR 5 500 000</b>		<b>EUR 5 500 000</b>	direct
	Action 12 Kosovo A Decommissioning and Feasibility Study on Kosovo B TPP	EUR 3 000 000		EUR 3 000 000	direct

	Action 13 Support on Implementing the 3rd Energy Package and EU acquis on Energy Efficiency and Renewables	EUR 2 500 000		EUR 2 500 000	direct
	<b>Sector 6 Competitiveness and Innovation</b>	<b>EUR 12 150 000</b>	<b>EUR 3 380 000</b>	<b>EUR 15 530 000</b>	<b>direct</b>
	Action 14 Support to Regional Economic Development	EUR 2 550 000	EUR 280 000	EUR 2 830 000	direct
	Action 15 Support to Sustainable Partnerships between CSOs, Social Enterprises and Government for Better Social Services for the Most Vulnerable Groups	EUR 2 000 000	EUR 600 000	EUR 2 600 000	direct
	Action 16 Municipal Social and Economic Infrastructure	EUR 7 600 000	EUR 2 500 000	EUR 10 100 000	direct
	<b>Sector 8 Agriculture and Rural Development</b>	<b>EUR 10 500 000</b>	<b>EUR 5 500 000</b>	<b>EUR 19 000 000</b>	<b>direct</b>
	Action 17 Agriculture and Rural Development Support Programme	EUR 7 000 000	EUR 5 000 000	EUR 12 000 000	direct
	Action 18 Food Safety and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Control	EUR 3 500 000	EUR 500 000	EUR 4 000 000	direct
	<b>Total Budget for Objective 2 - budget line 22.02 01 02</b>	<b>EUR 28 150 000</b>	<b>EUR 8 880 000</b>	<b>EUR 37 030 000</b>	<b>direct</b>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>EUR 66 050 000</b>	<b>EUR 9 330 000</b>	<b>EUR 75 380 000</b>	<b>mixed</b>

#### **4 IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES AND GENERAL RULES FOR PROCUREMENT AND GRANT AWARD PROCEDURES**

##### **DIRECT MANAGEMENT:**

Part of this programme shall be implemented by direct management by the EU Office in Kosovo in accordance with article 58(1)(a) of the Financial Regulation and the corresponding provisions of its Rules of Application.

Procurement shall follow the provisions of Part Two, Title IV Chapter 3 of the Financial Regulation No 966/2012 and Part Two, Title II, Chapter 3 of its Rules of Application.

Grant award procedures shall follow the provisions of Part Two Title IV Chapter 4 of the Financial Regulation No 966/2012 and Part Two Title II Chapter 4 of its Rules of Application.

Under the Financial Regulation, Parts One and Three of the Financial Regulation and its Rules of Application shall apply to external actions except as otherwise provided in Part Two, Title IV.

The Commission may also use services and supplies under its Framework Contracts concluded following Part One of the Financial Regulation.

##### **Twinning:**

Twinning projects shall be set up in the form of a grant agreement, whereby the selected Member State administrations agree to provide the requested public sector expertise against the reimbursement of the expenses thus incurred.

The contract may in particular provide for the long-term secondment of an official assigned to provide full-time advice to the administration of the IPA II beneficiary as resident twinning advisor.

The twinning grant agreement shall be established in accordance with relevant provisions of Part Two Title IV Chapter 4 of the Financial Regulation and Part Two Title II Chapter 4 of its Rules of Application. Parts One and Three of the Financial Regulation and its Rules of Application shall apply to external actions except as otherwise provided in Part Two, Title IV.

##### **INDIRECT MANAGEMENT:**

Part of this programme shall be implemented by indirect management with entrusted entities other than the IPA II beneficiary in accordance with Article 58(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation and the corresponding provisions of its Rules of Application.

The general rules for procurement and grant award procedures shall be defined in the Financing Agreement and the relevant delegation agreements between the Commission and the entrusted entity implementing such action.

## **2 PERFORMANCE MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS**

As part of its performance measurement framework, the Commission shall monitor and assess progress towards achievement of the specific objectives set out in the IPA II Regulation on the basis of pre-defined, clear, transparent measurable indicators. The progress reports referred to in Article 4 of the IPA II Regulation shall be taken as a point of reference in the assessment of the results of IPA II assistance.

The Commission will collect performance data (process, output and outcome indicators) from all sources, which will be aggregated and analysed in terms of tracking the progress versus the targets and milestones established for each of the actions of this programme, as well as the Indicative Strategy Paper for Kosovo.

In the specific context of indirect management by IPA II beneficiaries, IPA Co-ordinators (NIPACs) will collect information on the performance of the actions and programmes (process, output and outcome indicators) and coordinate the collection and production of indicators coming from central sources.

The overall progress will be monitored through the following means: a) Result Orientated Monitoring (ROM) system; b) IPA II Beneficiaries' own monitoring; c) self-monitoring performed by the EU Delegations; d) joint monitoring by the Commission and the IPA II Beneficiaries, whereby the compliance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and coordination in implementation of financial assistance will be regularly monitored by an IPA II Monitoring committee, supported by Sectoral Monitoring committees, which will ensure a monitoring process at sector level.