

ANNEX

**to the Commission Implementing Decision
adopting an Annual Action Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina
for the year 2018**

1 IDENTIFICATION

Beneficiary	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CRIS/ABAC Commitment references and budget line(s):	2018/041501 EUR 19 782 832 22.020101 2018/041502 EUR 51 500 000 22.020102
Total cost	EUR 72 185 446
EU Contribution	EUR 71 282 832
Management Mode/ Entrusted entities	Direct management by the European Commission Indirect management by the entrusted entities listed below: - Action 2 Component I: Entity to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 2.2(3)(a). - Action 2 Component II: British Council - Action 8 Activity 2.1: European Investment Bank - Action 10 Activity 1: Entity to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 2.2(3)(a).
Final date for concluding <u>Financing Agreement(s)</u> with the IPA II beneficiary	At the latest by 31 December 2019
Final date for concluding <u>contribution/delegation agreements</u> under indirect management	3 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement
Indicative operational implementation period	6 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement.
Final date for implementing the Financing Agreement (date by which this programme should be de-committed and closed)	12 years following the conclusion of the Financing Agreement.
Programming unit	NEAR D4 – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Implementing Unit/EU Delegation	EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina

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:

Following the adoption of the relevant countrywide sector strategies and as a result of the mid-term review of the Indicative Strategy Paper for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2020¹, the Commission proposes the Annual Action Programme for the year 2018 to cover five sectors: Democracy and Governance; Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights; Environment, Climate Action and Energy; Competitiveness, Innovation, Agriculture and Rural Development; and Education, Employment and Social Policies.

The actions in the sector of democracy and governance will continue contributing to improved economic governance in the country, strengthening EU-Bosnia and Herzegovina cooperation and preparation for EU integration and to increase local communities' awareness on EU values and the EU integration process. This will be achieved through the improvement of the quality of the Economic Reform Programme (ERP), building up on the support already provided by the EU through a regional project implemented by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and by strengthening the capacity of young civil servants through an exchange programme among the different administrative levels within Bosnia and Herzegovina. Furthermore, the EU will continue supporting the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in EU Programmes, through co-financing the costs of the entry tickets for specific EU programmes.

In the beginning of 2020, the coronavirus outbreak has evolved into a global pandemic. It has killed tens of thousands of people, straining communities, increasing calls for social protection, shrinking business activity and disrupting supply chains. The EU's response to the COVID-19 addresses the humanitarian, health, social and economic consequences of the crisis. It tackles short-term emergency needs as well as the longer-term structural impacts on societies and economies, thus reducing the risk of destabilisation. It reinforces both governmental and non-governmental actions.

The EU's contribution to the management of the COVID-19 crisis and to the economic recovery of the partner countries were outlined in two Communications:

- The Commission and the European External Actions Service Joint Communication on the Global EU Response to COVID-19², adopted on 8.04.2020 and
- The Commission Communication on Support to the Western Balkans in tackling COVID-19 and the post-pandemic recovery³, laying down in more details the EU planned interventions in the region, adopted on 29.04.2020.

Through the 2018 AAP, EU will finance the purchase of urgently needed medical equipment for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Finally, a specific action will increase general awareness of local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina on EU values and the EU integration process benefits, through support of small/medium size interventions related to the EU integration requirements and EU policies and the improvement of their learning and living environment.

The proposed actions in the rule of law and fundamental rights sector will strengthen the independence, transparency, efficiency, accountability and ultimately public trust in the justice system of Bosnia and Herzegovina in line with European standards and the EU *acquis*. This will be achieved through the implementation of key recommendations from

¹ The ISP has been amended and extended until 2020 with the Commission Decision C(2018) 5021 of 3 August 2018.

² JOIN(2020) 11 final

³ COM(2020) 315 final

the Stabilisation and Association Agreement process as well as the promotion of effective prosecution by enhancing cooperation between law enforcement and prosecution services. Support under this programme will also aim at further reduction of war crimes cases backlog. One of the actions will contribute to increased efficiency of police agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina in faster and more efficient identification of the perpetrators of criminal acts, through improved biometric data processing in the Automated Fingerprint and Palm Print Identification System, thereby supporting international data exchange through the improvement of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime. Additionally, the establishment of an EU Gender Equality Facility will aim at strengthening the effective implementation of domestic and international legal frameworks concerning gender equality and women's rights, as well as supporting the country in aligning to the EU gender equality *acquis* in the pre-accession perspective.

This is the first Annual Action Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) that includes an action in the sector of environment, climate action and energy. The action in the environment sector will contribute to the overall protection of the environment and Bosnia and Herzegovina's sustainable development. It will support reforms to continue transposition of environmental *acquis* in the area of water management, and the development of water and sanitation infrastructure.

The sector competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development also includes a new sub-sector. The action on agriculture and rural development will increase the competitiveness of the sector by delivering support to value chains and capacity building to sector stakeholders. At the same time it will support alignment with the EU *acquis* with the aim of increasing exports to the EU by continuing the strengthening of veterinary, phytosanitary, and food safety institutions. The action supporting trade aims at increasing Bosnia and Herzegovina's share in international and regional trade by improving its trade in goods and services in line with international integration requirements. Finally, the action on demining, within the sector of education, employment and social policy will support Bosnia and Herzegovina in fulfilling its commitments as a signatory of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and in the implementation of the 2018-2025 Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Strategy.

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

The EU has been supporting capacity building of the civil service since 2004, including through the IPA 2017 action 'EU support to an efficient and responsible public administration' and the IPA regional 'Young Civil Servants' programme. Bosnia and Herzegovina – as other Western Balkans countries - has received support to the design of its Economic Reform Programmes (ERPs), such as the IPA regional programme implemented by the OECD. While in Bosnia and Herzegovina institutional capacity has to some extent increased following OECD intervention, the need remains for continued support to ERP coordinators and specifically for the preparation and support of reforms in line ministries and other governmental institutions.

The EU has provided substantial support to Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities in the areas of justice, fight against corruption, war crime cases processing and other topics affecting these areas. The present action shall notably build upon the expected results of the phase 1 of the EU4Justice grant project for Bosnia and Herzegovina funded under IPA 2015. Earlier support in the home affairs sector has shown that the success of any intervention is directly proportionate to the extent to which the involved institutions cooperate, share, and exchange information, in particular in the establishment and

functioning of databases, which has been duly taken into account in the design of the present Automated Fingerprint and Palm Print Identification System (AFIS/APIS) action. An exceptional assistance measure was approved in December 2017 under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (Programme ref: IcSP 2017/30) under the leadership of the Mine Action Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina BHMAC and will contribute to the development of an accurate mapping of the suspected mine-contaminated areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

On trade previous IPA assistance included institutional capacity development and the strengthening of the legal framework. Nevertheless, despite the progress so far, further technical assistance is needed to boost the Country's long-lasting processes. To do so a lesson learned is to look not only at laws alignment with the *acquis*, but also to ensure that the legislative drafting and policy-making processes ensure proper inter-ministerial coordination, impact assessment of proposed laws and policies as well as external (public) consultation of the relevant stakeholders. Furthermore, successful coordination of assistance provided through national and multi-beneficiary IPA projects is crucial.

Previous assistance on mine action supported countrywide survey and clearance activities, in particular in conflict sensitive areas with returnees and Internal Displaced People (IDP). This assistance improved the living conditions of local communities by making available previously unusable natural and infrastructure resources, supported mine risk awareness activities, including mine signalisation and mine risk education at schools. Socio-economic and psychological assistance projects were tailored to address the needs of mine victims. EU supported the national mine action authorities to successfully introduce the land release concept in Bosnia and Herzegovina a cost effective method to achieve the objective of a 'mine free Bosnia and Herzegovina' in line with the 2025 the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention deadline.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has benefited from significant EU assistance related to capacity building and supplies in the fields of agriculture, rural development, food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary for which IPA 2007-2013 allocated approximately EUR 27 million. Moreover, technical assistance has been provided to sectors priority areas through Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX), Twinnings and Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) programmes. The sector did not receive the needed support under IPA II yet because of the lack of a country-wide sector strategy. Insufficient knowledge of the public and of interest groups when it comes to the implications, processes and opportunities related to EU accession also contributed to slowing down its development. Due to these challenges only a limited number of donors' programmes are currently ongoing (e.g. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)/ The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Czech Republic) or are planned. A lesson learnt is that policy and legislative developments needs to be evidence-based, costed and subject to internal and external stakeholder consultations at the right time of the legislative and policy-making process to ensure ownership in terms of enforcement of adopted policies and legislation, in the reforms process.

List of Actions foreseen under the selected sectors:

Sector - Democracy and Governance

INDIRECT MANAGEMENT BY ENTRUSTED ENTITY		DIRECT MANAGEMENT	
		1. EU Support to the Economic Reform	EUR 2 000 000

			Programme	
2. EU Integration Facility	EUR 3 500 000		2. EU Integration Facility	EUR 1 400 000
			3. EU Support to Bosnia and Herzegovina participation in Union Programmes	EUR 1 882 832
			4. EU4ALL	EUR 2 000 000
TOTAL	EUR 3 500 000		TOTAL	EUR 7 282 832

Sector - Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights

INDIRECT MANAGEMENT BY ENTRUSTED ENTITY		DIRECT MANAGEMENT	
		5. EU4Justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina (phase 2)	EUR 5 000 000
		6. EU Gender Equality Facility	EUR 500 000
		7. EU Support to the establishment of an Automated Fingerprint and Palm Print Identification System	EUR 3 500 000
TOTAL		TOTAL	EUR 9 000 000

Sector – Environment, climate action and energy

INDIRECT MANAGEMENT BY ENTRUSTED ENTITY		DIRECT MANAGEMENT	
8. EU Support to Environment	EUR 6 000 000	8. EU Support to Environment	EUR 3 500 000
TOTAL	EUR 6 000 000	TOTAL	EUR 3 500 000

Sector – Competitiveness, Innovation, Agriculture and Rural Development

INDIRECT MANAGEMENT BY ENTRUSTED ENTITY		DIRECT MANAGEMENT	
		9. EU Support to Trade	EUR 2 000 000
10. EU Support to Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Standards	EUR 20 000 000	10. EU Support to Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Standards	EUR 10 000 000

TOTAL	EUR		TOTAL	EUR
	20 000 000			12 000 000

Sector – Education, Employment and Social Policies

INDIRECT MANAGEMENT BY ENTRUSTED ENTITY			DIRECT MANAGEMENT	
			11. EU Support to Mine Action	EUR 10 000 000
TOTAL			TOTAL	EUR 10 000 000

PROGRAMME TOTAL	EUR 71 282 832
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DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIONS

The envisaged assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.

SECTOR	Democracy and Governance		EUR 10 782 832
Action 1	EU Support to the Economic Reform Programme	Direct management	EUR 2 000 000

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

Description of the Action: This Action will build on the earlier EU support to the improvement of the Economic Reform Programme (ERP) provided through the regional Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) implemented project, especially regarding capacity building of the institutions of all levels of government in Bosnia and Herzegovina to prepare and implement the ERP.

⁴ https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/8442/consolidated-list-sanctions_en

The overall objective is to strengthen economic fundamentals and growth in Bosnia and Herzegovina in view of economic criteria for EU accession and of the requirements of economic policy coordination in the European Semester.

The specific objective is to improve Economic Reform Programme preparation and implementation.

Expected results:

- Capacities of line ministries and other government institutions for preparation and implementation of ERP strengthened and improved,
- Capacities of the institutions of the ERP coordinators strengthened and improved.

Key performance indicators:

- Evolution in grade in Economic Reform Programme assessment by the Commission;
- Number of staff trained in prioritization, diagnostics, reform formulation and monitoring of ERP;
- Number of trained civil servants for the software use and in the methodology for collection, dissemination and consolidation of fiscal data and public debt data;
- Number of capacity building activities of the coordinating institutions;
- Number of awareness raising activities.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions:

- Full commitment and support of the decision-makers of the involved institutions;
- Good cooperation between relevant partners and willingness to adapt to changes where necessary;
- Technical and human resources required for action implementation allocated;
- Institutional settings defined and staff available to benefit from the Technical Assistance.

Conditions:

- All ERP coordinating institutions should (re)confirm their agreement to this action prior to the tender launch.

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

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

(3)(a) Essential elements of the action (for direct management)

- a) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 2 000 000
- b) the indicative number and type of contracts: 1 service contract
- c) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q2 2019

Action 2	EU Integration Facility	Direct management	EUR 1 400 000
		Indirect management	EUR 3 500 000

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

Description of the Action: One of the components of this action will provide flexible support to the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina at various levels to address specific and unforeseeable technical assistance needs identified in the course of the European integration process. Another component foresees an intra-Bosnia and Herzegovina programme and exchange for young civil servants from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Eligible beneficiaries for this Action are line-ministries and government institutions/agencies at various levels of government and staff directly involved in the EU accession process.

The overall objective is to contribute to Bosnia and Herzegovina's overall progress in fulfilling its obligations for European Union accession;

The specific objective is to strengthen the capacity of public administration in Bosnia and Herzegovina at all levels of government, and young civil servants in particular, for accession negotiations, transposition of EU *acquis* and implementation of EU policies.

Expected results:

- More effective and timely responses to emerged EU integration priorities are given by authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina at all levels, including responses to natural disasters and emergencies;
- Capacities of young civil servants from Bosnia and Herzegovina at all levels strengthened.

Key performance indicators:

- Frequency of requests received by the EU Delegation for EU Integration Facility assistance from Bosnia and Herzegovina authorities to address specific EU integration requirements;
- % of tender procedures launched and finalised, of IPA funds contracted, of IPA funds disbursed;
- Number of young civil servants from different levels of government having successfully completed the executive training programme.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions

- Political support to institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in the EU integration process is maintained.
- Identification of priority areas for assistance in a timely manner.

- Sufficient and good quality applications by the potential beneficiaries.
- Good cooperation with all relevant stakeholders established and maintained during implementation.

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: indirect management including with the British Council and direct management by the EU Delegation

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

The Component I of this action: A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with an entity which will be selected by the Commission services using the following criteria: Ability to provide emergency support including supplies and services to the country related to the COVID19 outbreak.

The Component II of this action, the intra-Bosnia and Herzegovina civil servants exchange scheme, will be implemented in indirect management through a delegation agreement with the British Council to be signed in Q1 2019 for an amount of EUR 1 500 000. The British Council will be entrusted with budget implementation tasks, building on its mandate, strengths, presence and valuable previous expertise in the Western Balkans, particularly in implementing a similar scheme, the Young Cells Scheme in Kosovo, as well as a regional executive programme and exchange component for young civil servant from the Western Balkans I 2016-2017 and subsequent years. The same will need to be replicated within Bosnia and Herzegovina and its many administrative levels and the British Council is the body that has this unique experience and Expertise and is therefore recognised as the most suitable implanting partier for the activities envisaged under Component II of this Action

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

The Component I of this action: the entrusted entity shall provide urgently needed medical and other supplies including the procurement of supplies and/or services to assist the country to manage the COVID-19 outbreak

The Component II of this action will be managed under indirect management by the British Council. The entrusted entity shall be responsible for carrying out all the tasks relating to the implementation of the action. In particular, the entrusted entity shall be responsible for the contracting, implementation, information and visibility, monitoring and reporting of IPA II activities, and the evaluation thereof whenever relevant, in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, and for ensuring the legality and regularity of th3e expenditure incurred in the implementation of the programme.

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

Procurement:

- a) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 900 000
- b) the indicative number and type of contracts: 8-12 contracts (6-8 service contracts, 1-2 supply contracts, 1-2 works contracts)
- c) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q2 2019 – Q1 2021

Grants – Twinning – Call for proposals:

- a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Objective: To contribute to Bosnia and Herzegovina's overall progress in fulfilling its obligations for European Union accession.

Foreseen result: More effective and timely responses to emerged EU integration priorities are given by authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina at all levels;

- b) The essential eligibility criteria: applicants must be EU Member State administrations or mandated bodies.
- c) The essential selection criteria are the operational capacity and the technical expertise of the applicant.
- d) The essential award criteria are the relevance, methodology and sustainability of the proposed 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 190 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.
- f) Indicative amount of Twinning contract: EUR 500 000
- g) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q2 2020 - Q2 2021

Action 3	EU Support to Bosnia and Herzegovina participation in Union Programmes	Direct management	EUR 1 882 832
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(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators

Description of the Action: This Action provides support to Bosnia and Herzegovina participation in EU Programmes, through co-financing the costs of the entry tickets for specific EU programmes. As a result, Bosnia and Herzegovina will actively participate in various EU programmes, such as Horizon 2020, Creative Europe, Erasmus+, Customs 2020, Fiscalis 2020, Europe for Citizens, COSME, Third Health Programme 2014-2020, and Employment and Social Inclusion (EaSI). This Action will further support the EU cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina and preparation for EU integration in the areas covered by the EU programmes.

The objective is to ensure participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in EU programmes by co-financing the costs of the entry-tickets/participation fees in areas such research and innovation, culture and audio-visual activities, education, employment, customs and fiscal policies, competitiveness of enterprises and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), health and civil society.

Expected results:

- Enhanced participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in European Union Programmes, including increased exchanges with EU Member States;
- Strengthened ownership and responsibility of Bosnia and Herzegovina (including in financial terms) for participation in European Union Programmes.

Key performance indicators:

- Number of Programmes for which an International Agreement has been concluded;
- Participation rates in the respective European Union Programmes;
- Ratio of amount paid for the entry tickets and amount of co-financing of projects that Bosnia and Herzegovina applicants annually receive.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions:

- Each institution signatory to an agreement for participation to a Union Programme has earmarked sufficient budget allocation for its annual contributions;
- Agreement signatories establish necessary support systems such as intermediary organisations or helpdesks and contact focal points per programme to support applicants and promote the EU programmes.

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

(3)(a) Essential elements of the action (for direct management)

This action will be implemented as a reimbursement of maximum 90% for the entry tickets for the selected European Union Programmes after the entry tickets have been paid, on the basis of an agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Commission.

Action 4	EU4ALL	Direct management	EUR 2 000 000
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(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators

Description of the Action: The Action will increase general awareness of Bosnia and Herzegovina local communities on EU values and/or EU integration process benefits obtained through support of small/medium size interventions related to the EU integration requirements and/or to EU policies. Furthermore, it will improve learning and living environment in local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina for targeted population groups such as youth, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and reduced mobility, minorities and other vulnerable groups. The action is expected to increase visibility of EU values and EU assistance in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The overall objective is to increase the level of positive perception and knowledge of the EU integration process by the population in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The specific objective is to improve awareness and visibility of the EU by implementing small/medium size interventions in local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina linked to EU projects and/or EU policies.

Expected results:

- Interventions in local communities' facilities and public areas implemented.

- Various awareness raising /training and promotion activities in local communities implemented.

Key performance indicators:

- Number of local communities' facilities adapted and/or (re)constructed to become more comfortable learning/community environment for school children, youth, senior citizens, vulnerable groups, minorities;
- Number of beneficiaries from local communities' authorities and Civil society Organisations (CSOs) with strengthened skills in terms of mainstreaming of accessibility measures;
- Number of thematic events/trainings/workshops and awareness raising activities in local communities organised and number of beneficiaries from local communities' authorities and CSOs who attended them (e.g. on specific EU *acquis*/directives related topics/EU Strategy for Western Balkan flagship initiatives⁵, etc.);
- Number of media coverage on organised specific community events and awareness raising activities/training in local communities.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions

- % of the population in local communities that is aware of the substance and extent of EU financial support to Bosnia and Herzegovina at local level;
- Population/different social groups (including media community) and institutions at the municipal/local level of Bosnia and Herzegovina recognise the benefits of EU integration process and EU funding opportunities;
- Identification of priority areas and locations for assistance in a timely manner;
- Sufficient and good quality applications by the potential beneficiaries;
- Good cooperation with all relevant stakeholders;
- Implementation of interventions under the Action in cooperation with authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Successful completion of prior actions on provision of technical documentation for the works and/or provision of equipment.

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

(3)(a) Essential elements of the action (for direct management)

Grant – Call for proposal (EU4ALL):

a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Objectives: Positive perception and good knowledge of the EU integration process in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Improved awareness and visibility of EU by implementing small/medium size interventions in local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina linked to EU projects and/or EU policies.

⁵ Communication C(2018) 65 of 6 February 2020 on "A credible enlargement perspective for and enhanced EU engagement with the Western Balkans".

Foreseen results: Interventions in local communities' facilities and public areas implemented. Various awareness raising /training and promotion activities in local communities implemented.

- b) The essential eligibility criteria are: The eligible applicants will be international organisations or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) or non-profit organisations that have had experience in substantial sub-granting of activities, in working at local community level, and have managed similar size of grant contract as the one subject of this Action.
- 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) Full EU financing identified: The maximum possible rate of EU financing will be 100% of the total cost of the action. Full financing of the action is essential for the action to be carried out because of the nature of the action and foreseen activities to be undertaken at the local level for the local communities, their various population groups (from youth, minorities to vulnerable ones) with the aim to promote EU values and standards and EU integration process in general.
- f) Indicative amount of the call: EUR 2 000 000
- g) Indicative date for launch of the call for proposals: Q2 2019

SECTOR	Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights		EUR 9 000 000
Action 5	EU4Justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina (phase 2)	Direct management	EUR 5 000 000

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

Description of the Action: This action is aimed at strengthening the independence, transparency, efficiency, accountability and ultimately public trust in the justice system of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Promoting effective prosecution by enhancing cooperation between law enforcement and prosecution services is another important aspect of the action. Finally, the action will also provide assistance in monitoring implementation of the EU financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina in war crime cases processing, with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) having an advisory, capacity building and coordination role.

The overall objective is to align the justice system of Bosnia and Herzegovina with European standards and the EU *acquis*.

The specific objective is to enhance the independence, effectiveness, accountability and efficiency in the Bosnia and Herzegovina justice sector.

Expected results:

- Key European Commission recommendations from the justice sector peer reviews and the Stabilisation and Association Agreement Subcommittee on Justice, Freedom and Security implemented;
- Selected objectives of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy (JSRS) 2021-2025 (2027) and activities of the related Action Plan implemented and a justice donor mapping mechanism established;
- Structured cooperation between law enforcement agencies and prosecution services in criminal prosecution matters enhanced;
- The backlog of war crimes cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina further reduced.

Key performance indicators:

- Composite Judicial Effectiveness Index
- Percentage of European Commission recommendations for the the Bosnia and Herzegovina justice sector implemented;
- Percentage of measures under the JSRS 2021-2015 (2027) and the related Action Plan implemented;
- Number of meetings of the inter-institutional taskforce for coordination of law enforcement agencies and prosecution services;
- Number of structured data and document exchanges on organised crime and corruption cases;
- Number of monitoring reports on implementation of operational targets on war crimes cases by the beneficiary institutions;
- Number of capacity building activities undertaken to strengthen the capacity of professionals working on war crimes cases.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions

- Sector institutions share a common vision and pursue reform goals.
- Relevant authorities fully cooperate and provide necessary support and assistance throughout the implementation.
- Beneficiary institutions remain engaged in the justice reform process.
- The monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the JSRS is strengthened.

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

(3)(a) Essential elements of the action (for direct management)

Grant – Direct grant award (*Monitoring of war crime cases processing*):

a) Objectives and foreseen results:

The objective of the action is to provide assistance in the monitoring of implementation of the EU financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina in war crime cases processing, with the OSCE having an advisory, capacity building and coordination role.

The foreseen results: The backlog of war crimes cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina further reduced.

- b) Justification for the use of an exception to calls for proposals: The direct grant to the OSCE will be concluded in accordance with Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation due to its highly specialised technical competence and high degree of specialisation with regard to war crime cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- c) The name of the beneficiary: OSCE
- d) The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant. The award criteria are relevance, effectiveness and feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.
- e) Indicative amount of the grant: EUR 500 000
- f) Full EU financing identified: The maximum possible rate of EU financing will be 100% of the total cost of the action. Full financing of the action is essential for the action to be carried out because the OSCE will monitor and advice and provide capacity building on war crimes cases processing in support of Bosnia and Herzegovina; as such the OSCE is not a direct beneficiary but is providing support to the country.
- g) Indicative date for signing the grant agreement: Q2 2019

Grant – Call for proposals (EU4Justice, phase 2):

- a) Objectives and foreseen results:

The objective of this action is to strengthen the independence, transparency, efficiency, accountability and ultimately public trust in the justice system of Bosnia and Herzegovina in line with European standards and the EU *acquis*. Promoting effective prosecution by enhancing cooperation between law enforcement and prosecution services is another important aspect of the action.

The foreseen results: Key European Commission recommendations from the justice sector peer reviews and the Stabilisation and Association Agreement Subcommittee on Justice, Freedom and Security implemented; Selected objectives of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy (JSRS) 2021-2025 (2027) and activities of the related Action Plan implemented and a justice donor mapping mechanism established; Structured cooperation between law enforcement agencies and prosecution services in criminal prosecution matters enhanced.
- b) The essential eligibility criteria: public institutions, authorities, or administrations of the Member States of the European Union entrusted with responsibilities related to the implementation of activities relevant to the call.
- 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) Full EU financing identified: The maximum possible rate of EU financing will be 100% of the total cost of the action. Full financing of the action is essential for the action to be carried out, to allow for participation by all interested Member States in the call for proposals.
- f) Indicative amount of the call: EUR 4 500 000

g) Indicative date for launch of the call for proposals: Q4 2019

Action 6	EU Gender Equality Facility	Direct management	EUR 500 000
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(1) Description of the action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators

Description of the action: The establishment of a Gender Equality Facility in Bosnia and Herzegovina aims at strengthening the effective implementation of domestic and international legal frameworks concerning gender equality and women's rights, as well as supporting the country in aligning to the EU gender equality *acquis* in the pre-accession perspective. The focus of this Action is on the role and functioning of gender equality structures and mechanisms in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Efforts will include the strengthening of the Agency for Gender Equality and the enhancement of the capacities of the gender equality bodies and mechanisms for implementing and monitoring policies at state and entity level. The Action is expected to improve the fulfilment of domestic provisions on gender equality, to increase the capacity for effectively absorbing the EU legislation on gender equality and to provide a clear opportunity for regional cooperation and exchange.

The overall objective is to increase Bosnia and Herzegovina's compliance with international gender equality commitments and EU gender equality *acquis*.

The specific objective is to improve the performance of the mandate of gender institutional mechanisms and key personnel mandated for European integration and gender equality.

Expected results:

- Capacities of Gender Institutional Mechanisms strengthened;
- Capacities of targeted institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to include gender perspective in policy-making is improved;
- The implementation and monitoring of the selected areas of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) is enhanced.

Key performance indicators:

- Number of draft laws and by-laws aligned with the Gender Equality Acquis;
- Number of sectoral strategic and programme documents that are gender mainstreamed and/or have gender specific sections;
- Number of coaching/mentoring sessions delivered to gender mechanisms and number of public dialogues led by the gender mechanism (at least three);
- Roster/Directory of pool of sector-specific gender mainstreaming expertise in place and periodically updated;
- Number of personnel in targeted institutions trained to include gender perspective in sectoral policies, strategies and programmes;
- Number of sector gender analysis prepared by Gender Equality Agency jointly with line ministries to serve as a basis for IPA planning and programming process and number of IPA Programming Documents "genderised";

- Number of documents (guidelines, checklists, working plans and reports) showing that adequate monitoring and evaluation system for GAP implementation is in place and used in practice;
- Number of regional initiatives supported for improving gender mainstreaming and promoting learning.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions

- Continued mutual commitment and sustained support to Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU accession process;
- Sustained political commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment;
- Stable political situation;
- Decision-makers support gender mainstreaming;
- Low turn-over of key technical staff in ministries/government institutions;
- Gender Action Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018–2022 is adopted by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

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

Grant - Direct grant award (EU Gender Equality Facility):

a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Objective: To increase Bosnia and Herzegovina's compliance with international gender equality commitments and EU gender equality *acquis*.

Foreseen results: Capacities of Gender Institutional Mechanisms strengthened; Capacities of targeted institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to include gender perspective in policy-making is improved; and implementation and monitoring of the selected areas of the Gender Action Plan is enhanced.

b) Justification for the use of an exception to calls for proposals:

The direct grant contract with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) will be concluded in accordance with Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation due to its technical competence and high degree of specialisation with regard to this Action. UN Women is the only agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina which has been working on the issue of national and international gender equality commitments of Bosnia and Herzegovina in all parts of the country. UN Women has a unique experience in working with the relevant institutions at all levels of governance, in particular Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sector for Human Rights of the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Directorate for the European Integration, Gender Centre of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Gender Centre of Republika Srpska. Authorities and the relevant civil society actors acknowledge its leading experience.

- c) The name of the beneficiary: The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- d) The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant.
- e) The award criteria are relevance, effectiveness and feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.
- f) Indicative amount of the grant: EUR 500 000
- g) The maximum possible rate of EU co-financing is 90% of the eligible cost of the action. The maximum possible rate of EU financing may be up to 100% of the total cost of the action in accordance with Article 190 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.
- h) Indicative date for signing the grant agreement: Q3 2019

Action 7	EU Support to the establishment of an Automated Fingerprint and Palm Print Identification System (AFIS/APIS)	Direct management	EUR 3 500 000
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(1) Description of the Action, objective, expected results and key performance indicators

Description of the Action: This action will contribute to an increased efficiency of police agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina in faster and more efficient identification of the perpetrators of criminal acts, through improved biometric data processing in the Automated Fingerprint and Palm Print Identification System (AFIS/APIS). By implementing the new AFIS/APIS system in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the rule of law and security of citizens both in the EU and in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be strengthened by supporting international data exchange through the improvement of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime.

The overall objective is to improve the security of citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The specific objective is to increase the efficiency of competent authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the field of entering, processing and identification of fingerprints and palm prints.

Expected results:

- Enhanced capacities of competent authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina for an efficient and faster biometric data processing in the AFIS/APIS system.

Key performance indicators:

- Number of fingerprints identified (within Bosnia and Herzegovina and the international data exchange);

- Number of locations for entering, processing and identifying fingerprints and palm prints;
- Percentage of properly defined minutiae/individual characteristics in the AFIS/APIS system.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions:

- Efficient cooperation and coordination between all relevant institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Relevant staff continues using new IT tools, skills and knowledge in daily operations.

Conditions:

All relevant institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina fully implement the Memorandum of Understanding on AFIS/APIS signed on 22 February 2018.

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

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

(3)(a) Essential elements of the action (for direct management)

- the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 3 500 000
- the indicative number and type of contracts: 1 supply contract
- indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q4 2019

SECTOR	Environment, climate action and energy		EUR 9 500 000
Action 8	EU Support to Environment	Direct management	EUR 3 500 000
		Indirect management	EUR 6 000 000

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

Description of the Action: The action will support interventions to address key priorities in the sector of environment in the area of water management, aiming at the acceleration of the reforms and the enhancement of infrastructure, with the purpose of meeting EU standards.

The overall objective is to contribute to better protection of the environment facilitating sustainable development in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The specific objective is to support targeted reforms and further development of infrastructure in environment sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Expected results:

- Reforms in water sector accelerated;

- Water sector infrastructure further enhanced to meet EU standards, including climate-resilience and flood management.

Key performance indicators:

- Progress achieved in aligning policies and legislation with the *acquis* in the environment sector;
- Developed Master Plan of Agglomerations in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the effective planning and implementation of Urban Waste Water Directive (UWWD);
- Degree of alignment of River Basin Management planning in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Water Framework Directive (WFD);
- Number of new household connections to the new systems for water supply and sewerage in 10 municipalities;
- Population Equivalent (PE): number of residents connected to the Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP).

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions

- Bosnia and Herzegovina remains committed to progressing in fulfilling the Stabilisation and Association Agreement requirements;
- Momentum for reform in the sector is maintained;
- Good cooperation, commitment and coordination among key stakeholders, including local communities;
- Proactive involvement of all relevant stakeholders in implementation of the action;
- Technical and human resources required for implementation of the action are allocated.

Conditions

The beneficiaries shall participate in the preparation of activities (e.g. preparation and approval of ToR, procurement processes, etc.) to facilitate and enable project implementation. Prior to start of implementation, respective beneficiary institutions will commit to take proactive engagement in projects implementation. To that end institutions shall officially nominate its representatives for each activity.

Prior to start implementation of activities related to Result 2, Bosnia and Herzegovina will provide the EU with a comprehensive overview of the main issues in the water services sector, possible gaps in the assessment, and information on actions taken and still to take in order to address these issues.

For all activities under this action, the beneficiary institutions shall be responsible for ensuring maintenance and upgrades, as well as training of their staff on the new equipment and facilities with their own financial means.

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

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: indirect management with entrusted entity and direct management by the EU Delegation

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

Part of this action will be implemented by the European Investment Bank (EIB), one for Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and one for Republika Srpska, as each entity signed a separate loan with the EIB. EIB jointly with the EU, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and local contributions is currently implementing two ongoing programmes in water sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina. These Programmes have supported the rehabilitation and construction of water and sanitation facilities in number of municipalities in both entities (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska) since 2010. In addition the EU Delegation has also supported the overall program with the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) that provided assistance in the selected municipalities in technical design and tender preparation. EIB ongoing loan assistance is extended until 2021. This Action would provide support to finalize implementation of on-going and ready-made project activities within WATSAN projects in selected municipalities by contributing to grant component of the financial mechanism. The beneficiary is yet to identify municipalities that will benefit from this assistance.

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

This action will be managed under indirect management by the EIB. The entrusted entity shall be responsible for carrying out all the tasks relating to the implementation of the action. In particular, the entrusted entity shall be responsible for the contracting, implementation, information and visibility, monitoring and reporting of IPA II activities, and the evaluation thereof whenever relevant, in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, and for ensuring the legality and regularity of the expenditure incurred in the implementation of the programme.

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

Procurement:

- a) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 3 500 000
- b) the indicative number and type of contracts: 2 service contracts
- c) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q1 2019

SECTOR	Competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development		EUR 32 000 000
Action 9	EU Support to Trade	Direct management	EUR 2 000 000

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

Description of the action: This Action will help improving Bosnia and Herzegovina capacity to generate growth by strengthening its competitiveness. This can be achieved by improved capacities and an enhanced regulatory framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina trade facilitation aligned with best international practices. The Action will

also improve the competitiveness of the country's service sector by upgrading Bosnia and Herzegovina legislation and administrative capacities in trade and in services in line with commitments stemming from its foreign trade agreements and best international practices. Thereby, greater integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina service sectors with the Western Balkans regional and EU markets will be ensured, resulting in an increased trade volume and an improved trade balance.

The overall objective is to increase international and regional trade volume of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The specific objective is to improve Bosnia and Herzegovina competitiveness in foreign trade.

Expected results:

- Regulatory and procedural framework for trade in goods and trade in services has been improved in line with the international integration requirements;
- Risk-based systems and regimes for import, export and transit decision-making are improved.

Key performance indicators:

- Exports of goods and services as % GDP;
- Status of adoption of general obligations of Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) Additional Protocol 6 and World Trade Organisation General Agreement in Trade and Services (WTO GATS);
- Logistics Performance Index (LPI) score.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions

- Continued political support for implementation of further trade integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including under the EU accession process;
- Continued political support for the implementation of the commitments already undertaken as well as those that Bosnia and Herzegovina is expected to undertake within Regional Economic Area (REA), Additional Protocol 5 – AP5 (trade facilitation), AP6 (trade in service) and other international agreements as required;
- Support and cooperation of all sector stakeholders, including both public and private sector, civil society and donors;
- CEFTA Additional Protocol 6 is adopted and/or WTO accession is successful;

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

(3)(a) Essential elements of the action (for direct management)

Procurement:

- d) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 2 000 000
- e) the indicative number and type of contracts: 1 service

f) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q2 2019

Action 10	EU Support to Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Standards	Direct management	EUR 10 000 000
		Indirect management	EUR 20 000 000

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

Description of the action: The Action will contribute to higher levels of production of safe and quality food, while preserving the natural resources that agricultural productivity depends upon. This will be achieved by supporting the development of a competitive and viable agricultural sector operating within a properly functioning supply chain and contributing to the maintenance of the rural economy and the quality of life in rural areas. This action will also contribute to the sustainable protection of human, animal and plant health in the agri-food chain by supporting gradual EU *acquis* alignment and ensuring administrative and technical capacity building of relevant institutions, allowing them to regulate and implement policy actions in line with EU requirements and monitor the progress in line with strategic objective.

The overall objective of the action is to modernise the agri-food sector and foster rural economy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The specific objectives are to increase the competitiveness of agriculture production and rural jobs and services as well as to support *acquis* alignment and implementation of policy measures in the areas of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary standards.

Expected results:

- Higher levels of production of safe and quality food based on introduced innovative practices, while preserving the natural resources and the countryside, are sustained;
- Policy actions are implemented in EU aligned manner, based on sector services and systems improved;
- Animal health is protected and marketability of animal origin products is improved by an advanced level of policies implemented and EU *acquis* aligned legislation;
- Safety and quality of food is improved by an advanced level of food safety policies implemented and *acquis* aligned legislation;
- Healthy and protected plants and quality seeds are improved by an advanced level of policies implemented and *acquis* aligned legislation.

Key performance indicators:

- New generated value in relation to IPA funds disbursed through this action;
- Employment rate in agriculture (sex disaggregated);

- Agricultural products export rate⁶;
- Number of agri-food operators (physical and legal entities) supported through IPA action with projects which increase quality/quantity of agricultural products;
- Number of new jobs created, including for youth and for women in rural areas;
- Level of approximation of policy actions with the EU;
- Level of acquis alignment in veterinary, food safety and plant health area;
- Animal health and plant health status (number of outbreaks);
- Number of food samples taken through official controls.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions:

- Governments in Bosnia and Herzegovina are committed to reforms in sectors;
- Adequate number of staff is assigned in accordance with policy objectives;
- Farmers and agri-businesses, animal holders and plant operators cooperate and transpose EU aligned standards and practices into their farming and businesses.

Conditions:

Given the complexity of the sector and this Action, the Terms of Reference for implementation should precisely define conditions and assumptions necessary for successful implementation of foreseen activities.

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

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: indirect management with an entrusted entity and direct management by the EU Delegation

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

The EUR 20 million programme will cover both grants to farmers, agri-food operators and rural communities, as well as institutional capacity building via technical assistance to the administrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina in prioritised fields. Due to the intervention's complexity, the implementation will be ensured through a Delegation Agreement with an entrusted entity, the selection of which will be handled by the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina through the launch of a call for expression of interest based on a transparent set of selection criteria, including their technical and professional capacities as well as the proposed methodology for the implementation of the Action.. The selected partner will coordinate the work with its proposed counterpart(s) as implementing partners.

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

The entrusted Entity shall be responsible for carrying out all the tasks relating to the implementation of the Action. In particular, the entrusted entity shall be responsible for preparation, implementation and conclusion of grant and procurement contracts,

⁶ The use of modern machinery leading to less employment in agriculture will be tackled by the activities to support diversification in rural economy, considering a number of parameters, to the extent available, like labour productivity in agriculture (possibly productivity per person-time unit), intensity of agriculture (productivity per ha etc.) etc.

carrying out technical assistance tasks along the prioritised fields of interventions and for ensuring the legality and regularity of incurred expenditures. The entrusted entity will provide technical assistance (app. 20% of the total EU contribution) and will manage as well a Grant Fund Facility for the rest of the EU contribution (app. 80%). The Grant Fund Facility (GFF) will provide assistance to the sector beneficiaries (farm holdings, agri-food operators, agricultural organisations/associations and rural population) under Activity 1.1 and Activity 1.2.

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

Procurement:

- d) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 4 000 000
- e) the indicative number and type of contracts: 3-5 supply contracts
- f) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q1 2020

Grant – Twinning – Call for proposal (EU support to institutional strengthening and alignment of veterinary area in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the EU acquis):

a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Objective: To support alignment with the EU *acquis* and implementation of policy measures in the veterinary area in Bosnia and Herzegovina, prioritising, in particular, the fields of animal health and protection, animal welfare and animal by-product management.

Foreseen result: Animal health is protected and marketability of animal origin products is improved by an advanced level of policies implemented and EU *acquis* aligned legislation, thereby making progress towards the accession criteria in the relevant field.

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

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

d) The essential award criteria are the relevance, methodology and sustainability of the proposed 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 190 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.

f) Indicative amount of Twinning contract: EUR 3 000 000

g) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q2 2019

Grant – Twinning – Call for proposal (EU support to institutional strengthening and alignment of food safety area in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the EU acquis):

a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Objective: To support alignment with the EU *acquis* and implementation of policy measures in the food safety area in Bosnia and Herzegovina, prioritising,

amongst others, the fields of hygiene package implementation, official controls, risk assessment and management, quality policy etc.

Foreseen result: Safety and quality of food is improved by an advanced level of food safety policies implemented and EU *acquis* aligned legislation, thereby making progress towards the accession criteria in the relevant field.

- b) The essential eligibility criteria: applicants must be EU Member State administrations or mandated bodies.
- c) The essential selection criteria are the operational capacity and technical expertise of the applicant.
- d) The essential award criteria are the relevance, methodology and sustainability of the proposed 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 190 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.
- f) Indicative amount of Twinning contract: EUR 1 500 000
- g) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q2 2019

Grant – Twinning – Call for proposals (*EU support to institutional strengthening and alignment of phytosanitary area in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the EU acquis*):

- a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Objective: To support *acquis* alignment and implementation of policy measures in the phytosanitary area in Bosnia and Herzegovina, prioritising the fields of plant health, plant protection product (PPPs), quality of seeds and propagating material, plant variety rights and official controls.

Foreseen result: Healthy and protected plants and quality seeds are improved by an advanced level of policies implemented and *acquis* aligned legislation, thereby making progress towards the accession criteria in the relevant field.

- b) The essential eligibility criteria: applicants must be EU Member State administrations or mandated bodies.
- c) The essential selection criteria are the operational capacity and technical expertise of the applicant.
- d) The essential award criteria are the relevance, methodology and sustainability of the proposed 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 190 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.
- f) Indicative amount of Twinning contract: EUR 1 500 000
- g) Indicative date for launching the selection procedure: Q2 2019

SECTOR	Education, Employment and Social Policies		EUR 10 000 000
Action 11	EU Support to Mine Action	Direct management	EUR 10 000 000

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

Description of the Action: This Action will support Bosnia and Herzegovina in working towards the fulfilment of its commitments as a signatory of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and in the implementation of the 2018-2025 Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Strategy. Mine Suspected Area (MSA) projects will be implemented at a surface of 100 square kilometers through activities of non-technical survey, technical survey and clearance of mine in order to eliminate mine threats in affected communities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The overall objective is to contribute to effective implementation of the 2018-2025 Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Strategy

The specific objective is to strengthening the capacity of national mine action authorities and operators as well as to increase the number of mine free municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Expected results:

- Targeted Mine Suspected Areas per municipality released;
- Performance of national mine action authorities increased in the targeted Mine Suspected Areas

Key performance indicators:

- Number of mine free municipalities;
- Productivity rate of the supported institutions;
- Number of square kilometres cancelled through non-technical survey;
- Number of square kilometres reduced and cleared through technical methods (technical survey, clearance);
- Number of selected (targeted) vis-a-vis number of released Mine Suspected Areas.

(2) Assumptions and conditions

Assumptions:

- Revised Mine Action Strategy endorsed by the Council of Ministers in 2018;
- Motivation of Mine Action institutions to achieve the goals of the Mine Action Strategy;
- Good level of communication, planning and coordination of mine action agency and civil protection agencies;
- At least 70% of mine suspected areas are included in the official 2019 list;

- Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre will conduct the non-technical survey in a timely manner, coordinated with all state and non-state operators who will be implementing the technical methods (technical survey, clearance).

Conditions:

The 40 mine suspected area projects corresponding to an approximate suspected hazardous area of 100 km² and a maximum of 20 mine-affected municipalities will be selected from the official demining priority list for 2019. In the event of delays (country wide non-technical survey planned for 2018-2019 not concluded timely, 2019 priority list not containing sufficient number of mine suspected areas/affected municipalities, etc) the 2018 official priority list will be used.

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

(3) Implementation arrangements for the action: direct management by the EU Delegation

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

Procurement

- d) the global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: EUR 1 000 000
- e) the indicative number and type of contracts: a service contract to prepare the guidelines for the call for proposals (applicable only in case of option 2), a service contract for monitoring and quality assurance and a service contract for needs assessment/preparation of technical specifications for the supply contracts.
- f) indicative time frame for launching the procurement procedure: Q1 2020

Grant – Call for proposal (EU Support for a Mine Free Bosnia and Herzegovina):

- a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Objective: The objective of this action is to contribute to effective implementation of the 2018-2025 Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Strategy by increasing the number of mine-free municipalities.

Foreseen results: 40 Mine Suspected Areas (MSA) corresponding to an approximate suspected hazardous area of 100 km² will be surveyed, cleared and released.

- b) The essential eligibility criteria: All organisations which are accredited in Bosnia and Herzegovina to conduct demining and have demonstrated experience with land release projects could be eligible to implement part of this action.
- c) The essential selection criteria are financial and operational/technical 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 90 % of the eligible cost of the action. The maximum possible rate of EU financing may be up to 100% of the total cost of the action in accordance with Article 190 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.

f) Indicative amount of the call: EUR 9 000 000

g) Indicative date for launch of the call for proposals: Q4 2020

3 BUDGET

3.1 INDICATIVE BUDGET TABLE – ANNUAL ACTION PROGRAMME FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA FOR THE YEAR 2018

	Direct management			Indirect Management with entrusted entity				Total programme	
		EU Contribution	IPA II beneficiary Co-financing	Total expenditure		EU Contribution	IPA II beneficiary Co-financing		Total expenditure
Objective 1	01 Democracy and Governance	7 282 832	902 614	8 185 446	01 Democracy and Governance	3 500 000		3 500 000	11 685 446
	1. EU Support to the Economic Reform Programme	2 000 000		2 000 000					2 000 000
	2. EU Integration Facility	1 400 000		1 400 000	2. EU Integration Facility	3 500 000		3 500 000	4 900 000
	3. EU Support to Bosnia and Herzegovina participation in Union Programmes	1 882 832	902 614	2 785 446					2 785 446
	4. EU4ALL	2 000 000		2 000 000					2 000 000
	02 Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights	9 000 000		9 000 000					9 000 000
	5. EU4Justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina (phase 2)	5 000 000		5 000 000					5 000 000
	6. EU Gender Equality Facility	500 000		500 000					500 000
	7. EU Support to the establishment of an Automated Fingerprint and Palm Print Identification System	3 500 000		3 500 000					3 500 000
	Total Objective 1	18 282 832			Total Objective 1	1 500 000			
Objective 2	03 Environment and climate action	3 500 000		3 500 000	03 Environment and climate action	6 000 000		6 000 000	9 500 000
	8. EU Support to Environment	3 500 000		3 500 000	8. EU Support to Environment	6 000 000		6 000 000	9 500 000
	06 Competitiveness and Innovation	2 000 000		2 000 000					2 000 000
	9. EU Support to Trade	2 000 000		2 000 000					2 000 000
	07 Employment, Education and Social Policies	10 000 000		10 000 000					10 000 000
	11. EU Support to Mine Action	10 000 000		10 000 000					10 000 000

	08 Agriculture and Rural Development	10 000 000		10 000 000	08 Agriculture and Rural Development	20 000 000		20 000 000	30 000 000
	10. EU support to Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Standards	10 000 000		10 000 000	10. EU support to Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Standards	20 000 000		20 000 000	30 000 000
	Total Objective 2	25 500 000			Total Objective 2	26 000 000			
	TOTALS	41 782 832	902 614	42 685 446		29 500 000		29 500 000	72 185 446

4 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.

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 DG NEAR 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.