

## ANNEX

**to the Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the individual measure in favour of the Office of the High Representative (OHR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina from July 2021 to June 2022**

## 1. SYNOPSIS

## 1.1. Action Summary Table

<b>Title</b>	Individual Measure in favour of the Office of the High Representative (OHR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina From July 2021 to June 2022			
<b>OPSYS number</b>	ACT-60550			
<b>Basic Act</b>	Financed under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)			
<b>Team Europe Initiative</b>	No			
<b>Zone benefiting from the action</b>	The action shall be carried out in Bosnia and Herzegovina			
<b>Programming document</b>	IPA III Programming Framework			
<b>PRIORITY AREAS AND SECTOR INFORMATION</b>				
<b>Window and thematic priority</b>	Window 1: Rule of law, fundamental rights and democracy Thematic Priority 6: Democracy			
<b>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b>	SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions			
<b>DAC code(s)</b>	15520 Civilian peace-building, conflict prevention and resolution			
<b>Main Delivery Channel @</b>	47000 - Other multilateral institution Office of the High Representative (OHR)			
<b>Markers (from DAC form)</b>	<b>General policy objective @</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Principal objective</b>
	Participation development/good governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Aid to environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Trade development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reproductive, maternal, new-born and child health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Disaster Risk Reduction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inclusion of persons with Disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Nutrition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>RIO Convention markers @</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Principal objective</b>

	Biological diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Combat desertification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change mitigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change adaptation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Internal markers</b>	<b>Policy objectives</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Principal objective</b>
	Digitalisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Migration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
<b>Amounts concerned</b>	Budget line: 15.020101.01 Total estimated cost: EUR 5 327 627 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 2 413 328			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>Type of financing and method(s) of implementation</b>	Project Modality <b>Direct management</b>			
<b>Relevant priorities and flagships from Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans [only for the Western Balkans]</b>	Priorities: Governance, Rule of Law, PAR			
<b>Final date for concluding contribution / delegation agreements, procurement and grant contracts</b>	A the latest by 31 December N+1			
<b>Indicative operational implementation period</b>	24 months			

## 1.2. Summary of the Action

The envisaged assistance to the individual measure in favour of the Office of the High Representative (OHR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina from July 2021 to June 2022 is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>1</sup>.

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

This measure consists of the contribution to be paid as a membership fee pursuant to Article 239 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union by the EU as member of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC) in support of the operational budget of the Office of the High Representative (OHR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina from July 2021 to June 2022. The budget for the year 2021-2022 was adopted by the PIC Steering Board at Ambassadors' level on 28 June 2021.

This support shall help the OHR – in close cooperation and coordination with the EU – to work on the further completion of its mandate, in particular the fulfilment of the remaining "5+2 objectives and conditions" not yet completed.

The mandate of the OHR is to oversee all civilian aspects of the implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Peace (GFAP)<sup>2</sup>. The mandate of the OHR is set out in Annex 10 of the GFAP. The PIC, a group of 55 representatives of governments and international organisations which finance and direct the peace implementation process, has subsequently elaborated on his mandate.

The specific objective of the membership fee to be provided under this measure is to facilitate the smooth operation of the OHR in Bosnia and Herzegovina from July 2021 to June 2022 while ensuring that the activities of the OHR do not conflict with the tasks and functions of the EU, in particular those of the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

For the budget year 2021/2022, the EU agreed to maintain the same level of contribution as in 2020/2021, while deducting the UK contribution (12.3%) which is now paid separately. The EU contribution of EUR 2 413 328 corresponds to 45.30% of the approved OHR budget 2021-2022, which amounts to EUR 5 327 627. In case the contributions of other non-EU PIC members amount to less than the foreseen 54.70% of the approved budget ("weaker sources of funding") the EU contribution may exceed 45.30% of the actual eligible expenditure but in any case may not be higher than EUR 2 413 328 for the period 2021-2022.

### 2.1 Conditions for implementation

It is assumed that the OHR will continue to operate uninterruptedly until 30 June 2022. Should the OHR's mandate come to an end before 30 June 2022, the EU contribution will be reduced *pro rata*.

The EU contribution through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) to the OHR budget is paid under the assumption that the OHR ensures full coordination of its activities with the EU in line with the EU policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The EU contribution to the OHR annual budget is paid under the condition that the OHR performs the tasks indicated in the OHR annual budget (as shown in the explanatory notes under each of the relevant sections) agreed by the PIC Steering Board Ambassadors on 29 June 2021.

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.

<sup>1</sup> [https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/8442/consolidated-list-sanctions\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/8442/consolidated-list-sanctions_en)

<sup>2</sup> The General Framework Agreement for Peace (GFAP) for Bosnia and Herzegovina was initialled in Dayton on 21 November 1995 and signed in Paris on 14 December 1995.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

This measure shall be implemented by direct management by the European Commission in accordance with articles 62(1)(a) and 239 of the Financial Regulation.

The Commission authorises that the costs incurred may be recognised as eligible as of 1 July 2021 prior to the adoption of this Financing Decision as per the bilateral agreement between the Commission and the OHR concerning the EU contributions to the OHR budget for 2021/2022 starting each year on 1 July and ending on 30 June of the following year.

### 4. INDICATIVE BUDGET

	<b>EU contribution (amount in EUR)</b>	<b>Indicative third party contribution, in currency identified</b>
<b>Support to the OHR budget for the period July 2021 to June 2022, composed of:</b>	2 413 328	2 914 299
Direct management		
<b>Total</b>		<b>5 327 627</b>

### 5. PERFORMANCE/RESULTS MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Commission may undertake any actions it deems necessary to monitor the measure concerned. Apart from standard financial reporting by the OHR to PIC members, specific reporting obligations to the Commission may be agreed in an exchange of letters with the OHR before the first payment is made.