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2021 annual work programme of grants managed by the Directorate-General for Finance

Introduction

This annual work programme concerns grants in the sense of Article 180(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 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, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹ (hereinafter "Financial Regulation").

Pursuant to Article 110(2) of the Financial Regulation, the financing decision shall (...) constitute the annual or multiannual work programme and shall be adopted, as appropriate, as soon as possible after the adoption of the draft budget and in principle no later than 31 March of the year of implementation. Where the relevant basic act provides for specific modalities for the adoption of a financing decision or a work programme or both, those modalities shall be applied to the part of the financing decision constituting the work programme, in compliance with the requirements of that basic act. The part which constitutes the work programme shall be published on the website of the Union institution concerned immediately after its adoption and prior to its implementation. The financing decision shall indicate the total amount it covers and shall contain a description of the actions to be financed. It shall specify:

- (a) the basic act and the budget line;
- (b) the objectives pursued and the expected results;
- (c) the methods of implementation;
- (d) any additional information required by the basic act for the work programme.

1) Period covered

This annual work programme covers the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

¹ OJ L 193 of 30.7.2018, p. 1

2) Basic acts

The legal framework is defined mainly in the following legal acts:

- a) Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations ('Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014')², as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 May 2018 and by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 March 2019;
- b) Decision of the Bureau of the European Parliament of 1 July 2019 laying down the procedures for implementing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations³;
- c) Regulation (EU, Euratom) 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, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012⁴;
- d) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2401 of 2 October 2015 on the content and functioning of the Register of European political parties and foundations⁵;
- e) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2246 of 3 December 2015 on detailed provisions for the registration number system applicable to the register of European political parties and European political foundations and information provided by standard extracts from the register⁶;
- f) European Parliament's Rules of Procedure⁷.

3) Priorities, objectives and foreseen results

According to Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union "political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union". Furthermore, Article 224 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union stipulates that "the European Parliament and the Council, acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, by means of regulations, shall lay down the regulations governing political parties at European level referred to in Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union and in particular the rules regarding their funding".

According to Article 2(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014:

² OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1

³ OJ C 249, 25.7.2019, p. 4

⁴ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1-222

⁵ OJ L 333, 19.12.2015, p. 50

⁶ OJ L 318, 4.12.2015, p. 28

⁷ European Parliament's Rules of Procedure currently in force are of February 2020.

'European political foundation' means an entity which is formally affiliated with a European political party, which is registered with the Authority⁸ in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in this Regulation, and which through its activities, within the aims and fundamental values pursued by the Union, underpins and complements the objectives of the European political party by performing one or more of the following tasks:

- (a) observing, analysing and contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and on the process of European integration;*
- (b) developing activities linked to European public policy issues, such as organising and supporting seminars, training, conferences and studies on such issues between relevant stakeholders, including youth organisations and other representatives of civil society;*
- (c) developing cooperation in order to promote democracy, including in third countries;*
- (d) serving as a framework for national political foundations, academics, and other relevant actors to work together at European level;".*

The grants are awarded to support the annual work programme of the European political foundation.

4) Indicative timetable of call for proposals

Calls for proposals are foreseen to be published in the Official Journal by 30 June 2020 and subsequently on the internet site of the European Parliament.

5) Indicative amounts

Budget line 403 - Contributions to European political foundations: € 23 000 000.

The amount is subject to approval by the budgetary authority.

6) Co-financing

The maximum possible rate of co-financing from the Union budget amounts to 95% of the eligible expenses (see Article 17(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014).

7) Conditions and implementation

Eligibility criteria: see Article 17 and 18 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

Exclusion criteria: see Article 136 and Article 141 of the Financial Regulation, as well as Article 27 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

Selection criteria: see Article 198 of the Financial Regulation.

Award criteria: see Article 19 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

The grants awarded are operating grants in the meaning of Article 180(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation.

⁸ Authority for European political parties and European political foundations, established pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Grants are covered by a written agreement (funding agreement), pursuant to Article 201(1) of the Financial Regulation and the Bureau decision referred to in point 2b) of this document. The model of this funding agreement is annexed to the Bureau Decision.