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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to 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, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC², and in particular Article 36(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules³, and in particular Article 51 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of activities in the food and feed area to ensure the application of the food and feed legislation, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The 'Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency' ('the Agency'), established by Commission Implementing Decision 2013/770/EU⁴, should be entrusted with management and programme implementation tasks relating to the food safety training measures performed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1.

³ OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision 2013/770/EU of 17 December 2013 establishing the Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency and repealing Decision 2004/858/EC (OJ L 341, 18.12.2013, p. 69).

- (3) In accordance with Article 195 of the Financial Regulation it is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (4) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed established by Article 58(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002,.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for official controls, other measures and activities to ensure the correct implementation of the food and feed legislation for the year 2020, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2020 is set at EUR 53 086 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2020:

- (a) budget line 17.04.01: EUR 4 800 000
- (b) budget line 17.04.03: EUR 48 286 000

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2020 after the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the yearly maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme.

The increase of the maximum contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex selected in accordance with point 2 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 26.11.2019

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX**Work programme for 2020 for official controls, other measures and activities to ensure the correct implementation of the food and feed legislation.****1. Introduction**

On the basis of the objectives specified in article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for 2020, as follows:

- 1) for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2),
- 2) for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 3),
- 3) for other actions or expenditure, a provision for payment of experts' remunerations or allowances (point 4).

Actions	Indicative amount
Grants	6 438 000
Procurements	46 178 000
Other actions	470 000
Total	53 086 000

1.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Articles 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35

1.2. Budget lines

17.0401 and 17.0403

1.3. Objectives pursued

The general objective is to contribute to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain and in related areas, a high level of protection and information for consumers and a high level of protection of the environment, while favouring competitiveness and creation of jobs.

Specific objectives:

- a) to contribute to a high level of safety of food and food production systems and of other products which may affect the safety of food, while improving the sustainability of food production;
- b) to contribute to achieving a higher animal health status for the Union and to support the improvement of the welfare of animals;
- c) to contribute to the timely detection of pests and their eradication where those pests have entered the Union;
- d) to contribute to improving the effectiveness, efficiency and reliability of official controls and other activities carried out with a view to the effective implementation

of and compliance with the Union rules referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014.

1.4. Expected results

The results expected by the Commission of the actions are the correct implementation of the rules in respect of governing food and food safety, at any stage of the production, processing, distribution and disposal of food, including rules aimed at guaranteeing fair practices in trade and protecting consumer interests and information, and the manufacture and use of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

2. Grants

The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is **EUR 6 438 000**.

List of grants:

Action	Indicative date of launch	Indicative amount (in EUR)
EU support to the European Federation of Food Banks in expanding and strengthening its network in the EU	2 nd semester 2020	100 000
EU voluntary contribution to OECD Pesticides Programme	1 st semester 2020	70 000
EU support to OECD, Environment, Health and Safety (including chemicals), Biocides Programme	1 st semester 2020	65 000
EU support to FAO for activities carried out to control foot-and-mouth disease (EUFMD)	2 nd semester 2020	2 800 000
Coordinated Control Plan for antimicrobial resistance monitoring (AMR) for 2020	1 st semester 2020	1 953 000
EU support to EPPO in relation to the development of training material for EU operators to be authorised for the issuance of plant passports	1 st semester 2020	150 000
EU support to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) global conferences, regional seminars, meetings, workshops and activities on animal health and welfare	2 nd semester 2020	1 000 000
EU support to the International Plant Protection Convention's secretariat (IPPC) in relation to the International Year of Plant Health.	1 st semester 2020	300 000
	Total	6 438 000

2.1. Support to the European Federation of Food Banks in expanding and strengthening its network in the EU.

2.1.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

Grants shall be awarded to the European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA) on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and without a call for proposals as foreseen in Article 195 (c) of the Financial Regulation. The European Federation of Food Banks is the

only EU-wide organisation which supports and coordinates the work of food banks in the EU/Europe.

2.1.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35.

2.1.3. Budget line

17.0403

2.1.4. Description of the action

Through the recovery and redistribution of safe, surplus food which might otherwise be wasted, the European Federation of Food Banks seeks to fight food poverty and prevent food waste. FEBA is committed to the facilitation of food donation in the EU, including lifting of legal and operational barriers, whilst leveraging learning and best practice between its members. As focus on food waste prevention increases and more businesses engage in food donation activities, it is important that food banks continue to build their skills and capacity to recover and redistribute foods in a safe and efficient manner. The grant to be awarded by DG SANTE will support activities to support internal communications of the network, which could include activities such as development of digital tools, organisation of meetings, training and skill-sharing sessions.

2.1.5. Objective

Sharing of best practice and knowledge amongst FEBA's member organisations through support to its activities. Building members' expertise and ensuring these organisations are effective and professional food redistribution partners to the food industry. Developing tools to monitor impact of the organisation's activities.

2.1.6. Expected results

Increased amounts of edible, surplus food, redistributed for human consumption, thereby preventing food waste and helping to fight food poverty in the EU.

2.1.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.1.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

50% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5

2.1.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated.

2.2. EU voluntary contribution to OECD Pesticides Programme

2.2.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

Grants shall be awarded to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and without a call for proposals as foreseen in Article 195 (f) of the Financial Regulation. The OECD is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results with regards to its technical competence and high degree of specialisation.

2.2.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35.

2.2.3. Budget line

17.0403

2.2.4. Description of the action

Regulation (EU) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council provides rules for the placing of plant protection products on the market. The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure a high level of protection of both human and animal health and the environment and to improve the functioning of the internal market through the harmonisation of the rules on the placing on the market of plant protection products, while improving agricultural production. When authorising plant protection products it is necessary to ensure that they are sufficiently effective and, in the light of current scientific and technical knowledge, they may not have any unacceptable effect on human health, animal health or on the environment.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation that works on establishing international norms and finding evidence-based solutions to a range of social, economic and environmental challenges and provides a unique forum and knowledge hub for data collection and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on policies and standard-setting. The OECD Pesticides Programme aims to attain a harmonised approach in the regulation of plant protection products, including non-chemical ones, such as biopesticides, therefore increasing the efficiency in the authorisation of plant protection products both for governments and industry.

The OECD Pesticides Programme increased the awareness and understanding of the adverse effects of chemicals and microorganisms used as plant protection substances, including endocrine disrupting effects and other impacts on human health and the environment, while increasing the understanding of best practices in chemicals testing and assessment. The OECD plays an important role in developing and updating testing guidelines for chemicals and in developing guidance for the risk assessment of chemicals.

The following specific actions should be supported with the grant:

- Further development or revision of OECD guidelines on characterisation, analysis, and safety and efficacy assessment of plant protection products, including alternatives to chemicals such as microorganisms (bacteria, fungi, virus), semiochemicals, or RNAi-based pesticides.
- Improve exchanges between member countries regarding information and policy experiences as regards safety and efficacy assessment, such as evaluating safety to pollinators;
- Further development or revision of OECD guidelines on residues (residue definition, cumulative assessment).
- Development of OECD reference/guidance document as regards risk reduction measures and innovative technologies (e.g. mechanical weeding, sensors, digitalisation, monitoring and innovative application technology like drones) which have been identified as areas of interest for possible future activities of the Standing Committee on Plant, Plant Health and Safety of Food, section Pesticides Legislation;

- Continued support of countries with developing plant protection regulations, where better-aligned markets create better opportunities for, and fewer constraints between, OECD countries.
- Support to enforcement authorities to fight counterfeited and illegal trade of pesticides through the development of recommendation and guidance, reacting to new threats (e.g., the trade of illegal pesticides via the Internet) and reaching out to non-members to support the global approach to this issue.

2.2.5. Objective

Developping and revising harmonised technical guidance and formats used by assessors and applicants, as well as aligning policies and practices between OECD countries in relation to placing and making available on the market of plant protection products.

2.2.6. Expected results

Agreed technical guidelines and other relevant documents by the OECD Pesticides Programme.

2.2.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.2.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

41 % of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5

2.2.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated.

2.3. EU support to OECD, Environment, Health and Safety (including chemicals), Biocides Programme

2.3.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

Grants shall be awarded to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and without a call for proposals as foreseen in Article 195 (f) of the Financial Regulation. The OECD is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results with regards to its technical competence and high degree of specialisation.

2.3.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35.

2.3.3. Budget line

17.0403

2.3.4. Description of the action

Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council provides rules for the approval of active substances and the authorisation for making available on the market and use of biocidal products. Biocides represent a wide range of products for example disinfectants, wood preservatives, preservatives, rodenticides and antifouling agents used in homes, public places such as hospitals and industry to destroy or control viruses, bacteria, algae, moulds, insects, mice, rats or other harmful organisms. The purpose of this Regulation

is to improve the free movement of biocidal products while ensuring a high level of protection of both human and animal health and the environment. When authorising biocidal products it is necessary to ensure that they are sufficiently effective and, in the light of current scientific and technical knowledge, they may not have any unacceptable effect on human health, animal health or on the environment.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation that works on establishing international norms and finding evidence-based solutions to a range of social, economic and environmental challenges and provides a unique forum and knowledge hub for data collection and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on policies and standard-setting. The OECD Biocides Programme aims to attain a harmonised approach in the regulation of biocides, therefore increasing the efficiency in the authorisation of biocides both for governments and industry. The following specific actions should take place:

- Further development or revision of OECD guidelines on efficacy determination for treated articles, disinfectants and insecticides. Efficacy is also important within the context of avoiding resistance. Resistance has been identified as an area of interest for possible future activities of the Working Group on Biocides (WGB);
- To gain knowledge regarding the use of biocidal products by non-professional users, i.e. consumer use of biocidal products, and investigate how risk communication in the form of safety instructions on the packaging is perceived and applied;
- For articles treated with biocides, investigate how the development of standardized claims, by manufacturers fits with regulatory benchmark tests across OECD countries;
- Investigate how sustainable use of biocides can be developed further, for instance through the sharing of Best Practice Codes between WGB countries and where possible the promotion of integrated management for biocides;
- Continued support of countries with developing biocides regulations, where better-aligned markets create better opportunities for, and fewer constraints between, OECD countries.

2.3.5. Objective

Developing and revising harmonised technical guidance and formats used by assessors and applicants, as well as aligning policies and practices between OECD countries in relation to placing and making available on the market of biocides

2.3.6. Expected results

Agreed technical guidelines and other relevant documents by the OECD Biocides Programme.

2.3.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.3.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

40 % of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5

2.3.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated.

2.4. Financial contribution to the FAO for activities carried out for the control of foot-and-mouth disease (EUFMD)

2.4.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease (EuFMD) was established in 1954 as a statutory body under Article XIV of the basic texts of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) with its seat at the headquarters of FAO in Rome, with the initial goals of combating FMD in Europe and of co-ordinating the national FMD control programmes. A written constitution governs the activities of EuFMD and the obligations of the member countries and it has Rules of Procedures and Financial Regulations.

The FAO is the only organisation combining competence in the area with political commitment through its large number of member countries hence guaranteeing the highest impact.

Grants shall be awarded to International Organisations on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation 652/2014 and without a call for proposals as foreseen in Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results with regards to its technical competence and high degree of specialisation.

2.4.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35.

2.4.3. Budget line

17.0403

Expenditure incurred by the Trust Fund from 1 September 2019 until 31 August 2023 shall be reimbursed annually. In 2019 the Commission will sign a contribution agreement with the FAO for a total budget of EUR 12 million for the full duration of the project (2019-2023), to be paid by annual instalments¹ of maximum EUR 2,8 million, starting in 2019 and a final payment in 2023 of maximum EUR 800.000. The budget concerned by the financing decision covers the second instalment.

2.4.4. Description of the action

Financial contribution towards the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations for activities aiming at assistance to the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outside the Union. The FAO has established a strategic plan comprising three pillars.

The first pillar aims at the improvement of readiness for FMD crisis management in the 39 member countries, including all EU Member States, notably through real-time training of group of European experts in FMD crisis management, support for contingency planning, development of decision support tools for disease control managers and a programme for the development of an early warning and disease management system in the Balkan region.

The second pillar aims at the reduction of risks to member countries from the FMD situation in the European neighbourhood through the progressive control of FMD in neighbouring regions, mainly the areas bordering the member countries Georgia, Turkey and Israel, but also the countries in the North of Africa.

¹ Article 112.2 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 and article 5 of Regulation (EU)2017/2393 of European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2017.

The third pillar aims at the promotion of the global strategy of progressive control of FMD through expert support to FAO and OIE and the work of the World Reference Laboratory for FMD.

Each pillar includes a mechanism for emergency response to a FMD crisis in member countries and the European neighbourhood, which could include the supply of diagnostic reagents and kits as well as emergency vaccines to regions that represent a risk to member countries.

A strategic plan 2019-2023 has been developed which foresees to continue the successful work and to use, based on a recommendation of GF-TADs, synergies for the preparedness of veterinary services to prevent and where necessary to control certain other communicable diseases of similar epidemiology affecting ruminants.

Expenditure incurred by the Trust Fund from 1 September 2019 until 31 August 2023 shall be reimbursed annually.

2.4.5. Objective

Co-financing assistance to implementation of control measures and training to enhance preparedness within the members of EuFMD, including all EU Member States, and in neighbouring countries.

2.4.6. Expected results

Improved preparedness of EU and non-EU members of EuFMD for the control and eradication of foot and mouth disease and certain other infectious diseases of ruminants, and reduced the risk of incursion of those diseases into the EU.

2.4.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.4.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

100% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5(3)(a).

2.4.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated. Further annual Union contributions shall be based on the financial report produced by the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD) to either the annual Session of the Executive Committee or the biennial General Session of EuFMD, supported by detailed documentation in accordance with the rules of the FAO and the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement for Union funding of FAO activities.

2.5. Direct grant to Coordinated Control Plan for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) for 2020

2.5.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

Grants shall be awarded to Member States on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and without a call for proposals as foreseen in Article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation.

2.5.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35

2.5.3. Budget line

17.0403

2.5.4. Description of the action

Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council provides that Member States shall ensure that monitoring provides comparable data on the occurrence of AMR in zoonotic agents and, in so far as they present a threat to public health, other agents. The 2011 Action Plan against the rising threats from AMR introduced an action to strengthen surveillance systems on AMR and antimicrobial consumption on animal medicine. In this regard, Decision 2013/652/EU³ was adopted detailing the rules for the harmonised monitoring and reporting of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) to be carried out by Member States. The Decision covers the period 2014-2020.

The new EU One Health Action Plan on AMR published in July 2017 proposes a review of the EU implementing legislation on monitoring AMR in zoonotic and commensal bacteria in farm animals and food to take into account new scientific developments and data collection needs beyond 2020.

2.5.5. Objective

To ensure adequate implementation of of the harmonized monitoring and reporting of AMR in zoonotic and commensal bacteria in 2020

2.5.6. Expected results

Harmonized EU data on AMR monitoring of zoonotic and commensal bacteria for 2020.

2.5.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.5.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

50% of the eligible costs for all Member States, except for Member States whose gross national income per inhabitant based on the latest Eurostat data is less than 90% of the Union average where the maximum EU co-financing rate shall be 75% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5.

2.5.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated.

² Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents, amending Council Decision 90/424/EEC and repealing Council Directive 92/117/EEC. OJ L 325, 12.12.2003, p. 31.

³ Commission Implementing Decision of 12 November 2013 on the monitoring and reporting of antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic and commensal bacteria. OJ L 303, 14.11.2013, p. 26.

2.6. EU support to EPPO in relation to the development of training material for EU operators to be authorised for the issuance of plant passports

2.6.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

Grants shall be awarded to the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO) on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and without a call for proposals on the basis of Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation. The European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results with regards to its technical competence and high degree of specialisation.

2.6.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35.

2.6.3. Budget line

17.0403

2.6.4. Description of the action

EPPO is one of the Regional Plant Protection Organisations under the IPPC and is comprising 52 European and Mediterranean member countries, including all EU Member States. EPPO is dealing with plant quarantine as well as with plant protection (pesticides). On plant quarantine, EPPO a.o. provides pest datasheets and risk analysis, develops lists of pests proposed for regulation at national level, pest alert lists, risk management standards for specific pests and diagnostic protocols.

2.6.5. Objective

To develop pest/crop specific guides for operators to facilitate their knowledge and capacity in order for them to be authorized by the MSs' Competent Authorities for the issuance of plant passports, and thus to facilitate the implementation of the related provisions of Plant Health Regulation 2016/2031. At the same time, to support MSs' capacities and provide harmonized guidance for the implementation of Regulation 2019/827⁴.

2.6.6. Expected results

Harmonized guidance available to be used by MSs in the framework of the implementation of Regulation 2019/827.

2.6.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.6.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

50% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5

2.6.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated.

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/827 of 13 March 2019 on criteria to be fulfilled by the professional operators in order to comply with the conditions set out in Article 89(1) point (a) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council and procedures to ensure that those criteria are met, OJ L 137, 23.5.2019, p. 10–11.

2.7. EU support to global conferences, regional seminars, meetings, workshops and activities on animal health and welfare organised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

2.7.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

Grants shall be awarded to International Organisations on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and without a call for proposals as foreseen in Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results with regards to its technical competence and high degree of specialisation.

2.7.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35.

2.7.3. Budget line

17.0403

2.7.4. Description of the action

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide. In order to improve the animal health status worldwide and consequently lower the animal disease risk in the EU, it is important that the EU approach to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health be shared with all member countries of the OIE and that the EU actively supports conferences, training seminars, meetings and activities organised by the OIE in order to promote the Union's animal health and welfare and veterinary public health policy at the occasion.

2.7.5. Objective

Share the EU approach to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health with all members of the OIE through the promotion of the Union's policy at conferences, training seminars, meetings and activities organised by the OIE. Consequently, to improve the animal health and welfare and veterinary public health status worldwide and lower the risk for the EU.

2.7.6. Expected results

Increased awareness and approximation with the Union's animal health and welfare and veterinary public health policy and improved animal health and welfare and veterinary public health standards in neighbouring countries and throughout the OIE region of Europe; thus, lower the risk of animal disease incursion in the EU.

2.7.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.7.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

50% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5

2.7.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated.

2.8. EU support to the International Plant Protection Convention's secretariat (IPPC) in relation to the International Year of Plant Health.

2.8.1. Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

Grants shall be awarded to International Organisations on the basis of Article 35.1 of Regulation 652/2014 and without a call for proposals as foreseen in Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation. The International Plant Protection Convention's secretariat (IPPC) is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results with regards to its technical competence and high degree of specialisation.

2.8.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Article 35.

2.8.3. Budget line

17.0403

2.8.4. Description of the action

Healthy plants constitute the foundation for all life on earth, making up the oxygen we breathe and over 80% of the food we eat. Plant health is the key to the sustainable intensification of agriculture to feed the growing global population by 2050. Thus, recognition, advocacy and support for the promotion of plant health is of paramount importance if the international community is to guarantee plant resources for a food secure world based on stable and sustainable ecosystems. With this in mind, in July 2017 the FAO Conference approved a draft resolution requesting the General Assembly of the United Nations to consider declaring 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). It is against this background that the First International Plant Health Conference "Protecting Plant Health in a Changing World" will be organised in Helsinki, in October 2020.

2.8.5. Objective

The objective of the conference is to provide for the first time a forum to discuss global scientific, technical and regulatory plant health issues in a conference setting and at the same time advocate plant health to the media and general public. The scope of the conference would be wide, covering the entire spectrum of plant health, and would be oriented towards attaining the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This would help maximize public attention and mainstream plant health policies into UN discussions.

The objective of the EU financial contribution to the International Plant Protection Convention (co-organiser with Finland) is to ensure participation at the conference from developing and least developed countries from the Contracting Parties of the IPPC. The intention is to support participation of 2 persons per country, thus allowing both regulatory and technical personnel of the respective plant protection services to participate. Such participation should inform the plant health policies in the eligible countries and thus should contribute to more harmonized and science based plant health policy across the IPPC Contracting Parties. Side event workshop: The new EU Plant Health Regime: Challenges and Opportunities

The side-event workshop was requested by the EU. During the event, the EU will inform regulatory participants about its new plant health regime, from both legal and policy instruments perspectives. The EU will benefit from the broad participation in the conference

thanks to the EU financial support, hence achieving as complete as possible the target audience of non-EU countries.

2.8.6. Expected results

To generate and disseminate current scientific and technical information about plant health issues. The conference proceedings are intended to be published electronically and selected papers in book format.

Parts of the conference would be widely used by generating a list of “recommendations” which then could form the basis of a paper on how to proceed after the IYPH has been completed. Recommendations of this conference may be incorporated into the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) work-programme in coming years as well as being translated into political decisions for future CPM/FAO Conference decisions.

The side-event workshop on the new EU Plant Health Regulation will clarify challenges and opportunities related to the new rules and will contribute to foster the ongoing cooperation with the main EU trade partners.

2.8.7. Implementation

Implemented by DG SANTE

2.8.8. Maximum EU co-financing rate

50% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, article 5

2.8.9. Award criteria

Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, consistency and adequacy of the resources allocated.

3. Procurement

The overall budgetary envelope reserved for procurement activities in 2020 is **EUR 46 178 000**.

3.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Articles 31, 34 and 35

3.2. Budget line

17.0401 – EUR 4 800 000

17.0403 – EUR 41 378 000

3.3. Indicative list of envisaged contracts

Actions	Estimated budget	Indicative timing (launching)	Estimated nr of contracts	Type of contract
Budget line 17.0401				
Maintenance of the EU antigen and vaccine bank for foot-and-mouth disease	4 800 000	1st semester	1	Call for tender/direct contract
Budget line 17.0403				

Better Training for Safer Food training actions covering inter alia all food and feed law, animal health and welfare rules and the plant health regime, including indicatively checks at borders, contaminants in food and feed, integrated pest management and plant protection products, food processing technologies, information management systems, food hygiene rules, plant health, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and animal by-products, quality schemes, official controls and auditing techniques and other law enforcement needed in SPS fields, including online and distance learning tools	19 000 000	2nd semester	15 to 25	Call for tender/direct contract Implemented by the 'Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency' ('the Agency')
Development of new methodologies aiming at simplifying the financial management of plant and animal health programmes.	240 000	1st semester	1	Administrative Arrangement
Operational support services for the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste (digital communications)	108 000	1st semester	1	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Studies to explore means to improve consumers information on health and sustainability of food products	650 000	2nd semester	1	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Development of a monitoring system for contaminants in recycled plastics	200 000	1st semester	1	Administrative Arrangement
Study aiming at improving the understanding of date marking by consumers and other actors in the food supply chain.	300 000	1st semester	1	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Impact assessment on plants and plants preparation used in food	250 000	2nd semester	1	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Study on modernisation of future food information	1 750 000	2nd semester	2	Administrative Arrangement and specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures
Study supporting the impact assessment in the context of the initiative on migration limits for metals from ceramic and vitreous food contact materials	250 000	1st semester	1	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Development of a module for the European Maritime Safety Agency to improve controls of animal welfare during transport by livestock vessel	100 000	1st semester	1	Specific contract by using existing framework contract - partial subdelegation to DG MOVE.
Communication activities by DG SANTE's Health and food audits and analysis Directorate, in particular related to the publication of the annual programme and overview reports.	5 000	1 st semester	1	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Evaluation of the Directive on the	300 000	1st semester	1	Specific contract by using

Sustainable Use of Pesticides				existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Logistical support to Commission expert group "Platform on Animal Welfare"	9 000	1st semester	3	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Priority pests project	435 000	1st semester	1	Administrative Arrangement
Organisation of a side event in relation of the International Year of Plant Health: "The new EU Plant Health Regime: Challenges and Opportunities	40 000	1 st semester	1 to 3	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Coordinated action in the field of food fraud and development of new analytical methods	350 000	2nd semester	1	Administrative Arrangement
Translation of guidance documents, manuals, reports, and provisions for Member States	400 000	1st semester	1	Service Level Agreement
Policy related communication activities in the Food and Feed area	400 000	1st semester	5 to 8	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Horizontal services for communication activities in the Food and Feed area	436 000	2nd semester	5 to 8	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Communication : DG SANTE website management	104 000	1st semester	3 to 6	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures. Co-delegation to DG DIGIT.
Contribution to corporate communication activities	45 000	1st semester	1 to 3	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures. Co-delegation to DG COMM.
Communication activities related to the presence at main European agricultural fairs and the European Open Day.	206 000	1st semester	3 to 6	Specific contract by using existing framework contract or low value procedures. Co-delegation to DG AGRI.
Maintenance and up-grade of existing information systems for official controls, and integration of system components in "Information Management System for Official Controls" (IMSOC)	8 000 000	1st semester	30 to 35	Specific contracts by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Maintenance and further improvement of the existing information systems for plant varieties (e.g. FRUMATIS, FOREMATIS), and integration in and further development of the portal "Plant Variety Lists" (PLAVARLIS)	500 000	1st semester	3 to 4	Specific contracts by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Maintenance and further improvement of the existing information systems for food and feed safety, supporting the implementation of legal provisions on food information and composition, Food Innovation Portal (FIP), on food	3 600 000	1st semester	20 to 30	Specific contracts by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.

production, processing, losses and waste and Health Agencies Collaboration (HPAC)				
Use and maintenance of existing IT tools supporting the collection and treatment (statistics and reporting services) of data relevant for the Food and Feed Safety area.	400 000	1st semester	2 to 4	Specific contracts by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Provision of technical assistance to operational policies, the procurement of software and infrastructure and the IT governance and management of external service providers. Development and maintenance of information systems, project management, business analysis, quality control, documentation and support.	3 300 000	1st semester	38 to 45	Specific contracts by using existing framework contract or low value procedures.
Total	46 178 000			

3.4. Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by DG SANTE or by the indicated codelegations and sub-delegations.

4. Other actions or expenditure

The global budgetary envelope reserved for other actions or expenditure is **EUR 470 000**

4.1. Payment of experts' remunerations or allowances

4.2. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, article 32

4.3. Budget line

17.0403 – EUR 470 000 EUR

4.4. General description

Experts needed for the assessment of 2020 veterinary eradication programmes

Reimbursement of accommodation and travel costs of experts carrying out audits together with DG SANTE Health and Food Audits and Analysis Directorate in 2020.

4.5. Implementation

These actions will be implemented during the second semester in direct management by DG SANTE.