

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**of 9 June 2015****on financing the 2015 work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health in the framework of the 'Better Training for Safer Food' programme**

(2015/C 192/03)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽¹⁾ and, in particular, Article 84 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/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 31 and Article 36(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 ⁽³⁾ lays down general rules for the performance of official controls to verify compliance with rules aiming, in particular, at preventing, eliminating or reducing to acceptable levels risks to humans and animals and guaranteeing fair practices in feed and food trade and protecting consumer interests. Article 51 of that Regulation provides that the Commission may organise training courses for the staff of the competent authorities of Member States responsible for the official controls referred to in that Regulation, which may be opened to participants from third countries, in particular developing countries. Those courses may include, in particular, training on European Union feed and food law and animal health and animal welfare rules.
- (2) Article 2(1)(i) of Directive 2000/29/EC ⁽⁴⁾ provides the legal basis for organising courses in the field of plant health.
- (3) The 'Better Training for Safer Food' Programme has been established by the Commission in 2006 in order to achieve the aims set out in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004. The Commission Communication of 20 September 2006 on 'Better training for safer food' ⁽⁵⁾ explores options for future organisation of training.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 establishes provisions for the management of expenditure from the general budget of the European Union in the fields governing food and feed safety, animal health and welfare and plant health rules. Article 31 provides that the Union may finance the training of the staff of the competent authorities responsible for official controls, as referred to in Article 51 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in order to develop a harmonised approach to official controls and other official activities to ensure a high level of protection of human, animal and plant health. In order to ensure implementation of the 'Better Training for Safer Food' Programme in Member States it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health for 2015.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ 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 rules (OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament. 'Better training for safer food', COM(2006) 519 final of 20.9.2006.

- (5) Commission Implementing Decision 2013/770/EU⁽¹⁾ establishes the 'Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency' (hereafter 'the Agency'). This Decision entrusts the Agency with certain 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. A Union financial contribution should therefore be granted to the Agency in 2015 for financing the operating costs of the activities related to the 'Better Training for Safer Food' Programme.
- (6) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change', within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁽²⁾.
- (7) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of the Better Training for Safer Food Programme for 2015, as set out in the Annex, is adopted. It constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Article 2

Union contribution

1. The maximum contribution for the implementation of the work programme for the year 2015 is set at EUR 16 670 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2015:
 - (a) budget line 17 04 03: EUR 15 500 000;
 - (b) budget line 17 01 06 03: EUR 1 170 000.
2. The amount provided for in paragraph 1(b) shall be paid to the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency and shall constitute an operating financial contribution.
3. The appropriations provided for in point 1(a) may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution provided for in Article 2(1) of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, 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 Article 2(1) of this Decision shall not exceed 20 %.

In implementing this decision, the responsible authorising officer may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 9 June 2015.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2013/770/EU of 17 December 2013 establishing the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency and repealing Decision 2004/858/EC (OJ L 341, 18.12.2013, p. 69).

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

ANNEX

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives laid down in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2015 as follows:

1.2. Procurement (implemented under direct management): External contracts for the execution of the training programme and other learning tools	EUR 15 500 000
1.3. Other actions: Operating financial contribution for the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency	EUR 1 170 000
TOTAL	EUR 16 670 000

1.2. Procurement: External contract for the execution of the training programme and other learning tools

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2015 amounts to EUR 15 500 000.

LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, Article 51

Directive 2000/29/EC, Article 2(1)(i)

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Article 31 and Article 36(1)

BUDGETARY LINE

Budget line: 17 04 03

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

For each of the technical issues referred to below, one or more direct or framework service contracts will be signed. It is estimated that around 15 direct or specific service contracts will be signed. External contractors are mainly involved in the organisational and logistical aspects of the training activities.

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

For 2015, the training action in Member States will concern the following subjects:

Activities	Amount in EUR
HACCP	2 000 000
Animal health (Bees and exotic animals)	520 000
Animal identification and traceability	760 000
Control of food additives	1 100 000
Contingency planning and animal disease control	1 100 000
Control of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies	535 000
Food hygiene and flexibility	1 160 000
New food investigation techniques	645 000
Internal auditing of official control systems	1 260 000
Animal breeding	890 000
Organic farming	1 000 000

Activities	Amount in EUR
Protected Food Names	1 000 000
Plant Health Surveys	550 000
GMO analysis	500 000
Support to enforcement in sanitary and phytosanitary fields	1 215 000
BTSF campus platform	500 000
Assistance and support to e-learning project	135 000
Study on the current and future operation of the BTSF programme	180 000
Animal health and welfare, plant health and food safety contingency trainings, conferences and learning and dissemination tools	450 000
TOTAL	15 500 000

IMPLEMENTATION

EUR 14 685 000 (financing of food safety measures under Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC) will be managed and implemented by the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Commission Decision 2013/770/EU). The remaining EUR 815 000 will be managed by the Commission to cover the programme on GMO analysis (one administrative arrangement with JRC), assistance and support to e-learning project and the study on the current and future operation of the BTSF programme (two contracts).

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Approximately during 3rd-4th quarter of 2015.

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 15 500 000

1.3. Other actions: Operating financial contribution for the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency

LEGAL BASIS

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003, in particular Article 12(3).

BUDGETARY LINE

Budget line: 17 01 06 03

AMOUNT

EUR 1 170 000

DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The budget under budget line 17 01 06 03 finances the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency's 2015 operating financial contribution for the part related to the Better Training for Safer Food programme. According to Article 12(3) of Regulation (EC) No 58/2003, the operating financial contribution is to be drawn from the financial allocation to the Union programmes managed by the Agency.