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to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

amending Implementing Decision C(2022) 3467 as regards the maximum Union contribution and the co-financing rates of veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses and phytosanitary programmes for plant pests

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The Annex is amended as follows:

(1) the first and second paragraphs of the section ‘Introduction’ are replaced by the following:

‘This work programme implements the specific objective of contributing to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain and in related areas.

On the basis of the objectives specified in the Article 3(2)(e) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for 2023-2024 for grants (implemented under direct management):

Actions	Indicative amount for 2023	Indicative amount for 2024
Grants	48 700 000	48 700 000
Total	48 700 000	48 700 000

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(2) section 2 ‘Grants’ is amended as follows:

(a) the first and second paragraphs are replaced by the following:

‘The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is **EUR 48 700 000** for the year 2023 and **EUR 48 700 000** for the year 2024.

List of grants for 2023 and 2024:

Action	Indicative date of launch for	Indicative amount for 2023 (in EUR)	Indicative amount for 2024 (in EUR)
Implementation of veterinary programmes for 2023-2024.	1 st semester 2023	40 700 000	40 700 000
Implementation of Phytosanitary programmes for 2023-2024.	1 st semester 2023	8 000 000	8 000 000

	Total	48 700 000	48 700 000
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(b) section 2.1.8. is replaced by the following:

’2.1.8. *EU co-financing rate*

1. The co-financing rate for grants for group 1 diseases shall be 20% of the eligible costs; it shall be increased to 30% of the eligible costs in respect of:
 - (a) cross-border activities implemented together by two or more Member States in order to control, prevent or eradicate diseases and pests; the application of the increase will depend on the programme submitted; how Member States will cooperate should be clearly described in the programme;
 - (b) Member States whose gross national income per inhabitant based on the latest Eurostat data is less than 90% of the Union average.
2. The co-financing rate for grants for group 2 diseases shall be 12% of the eligible costs; it shall be increased to 18% of the eligible costs in respect of:
 - (a) cross-border activities implemented together by two or more Member States in order to control, prevent or eradicate diseases and pests; the application of the increase will depend on the programme submitted; how Member States will cooperate should be clearly described in the programme;
 - (b) Member States whose gross national income per inhabitant based on the latest Eurostat data is less than 90% of the Union average.
3. The co-financing rates provided for in points 1 and 2:
 - (a) may be increased, upon availability of resources, up to, respectively, 50% and 75% of the eligible costs, giving priority to group 1 diseases;
 - (b) shall be increased to 100% of the eligible costs where the activities benefitting from the Union contribution concern the prevention and control of serious human, plant and animal health risks for the Union, and:
 - (i) are designed to avoid human casualties or major economic disruptions for the Union as a whole;
 - (ii) are implemented in third countries.
4. The co-financing rates applied for the group 2 diseases will be decreased from 50%/75% to 12%/18% except for bovine tuberculosis programmes already co-financed before 2021. These bovine tuberculosis programmes are no longer co-financed as from 2023.

5. If the funding requests exceed the budget available, the co-financing rates for group 2 diseases will be reduced by the number of points necessary to fit with the total budget available (EUR 40 700 000).

6. If the funding requests do not reach the available budget, an increase of the co-financing rate for group 2 diseases may apply, provided the maximum budget available is not exceeded and the co-financing rates do not exceed the rates set out in point 1 for group 1 diseases.

7. Adjustment of the co-financing rates of group 2 diseases in accordance to points 5 and 6 shall be initially performed at the time of the initial allocation, based on the requests of the Member States presented in their initial programme application, and then re-evaluated based on the requests of the Member States formulated in their intermediate reports (as defined in the last paragraph of part 2.1 of Annex I to the Regulation (EU) 2021/690).’;

(c) in Section 2.2.4, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

’Table 1: Budget distribution per category (e.g. for a total amount of 8 000 000 EUR)

	Category A: Surveys in areas where the pest is not known to be present		Category B: Measures, including surveys, in the demarcated areas*	
	% of the budget	Euros	% of the budget	Euros
Priority 1: Priority pests	20%	1 600 000	40%	3 200 000
Priority 2: Pest subject to EU measures and pests present in the EU	15%	1 200 000	7%	560 000
Priority 3: Any other quarantine pest	15%	1 200 000	3%	240 000
Total	50%	4 000 000	50%	4 000 000

* For priority 1 – in demarcated areas under containment, the co-funding is limited to the measures taken in the buffer zones and to the parts of the infected/infested zones adjacent to their buffer zones, only if required by the EU legislation.

For priority 2 – the co-funding is limited to measures in the demarcated areas under eradication.

For priority 3 – the co-funding is limited to measures in the demarcated areas under eradication.’ ;

(d) section 2.2.8. is replaced by the following:

‘2.2.8. *EU co-financing rate*

1. The co-financing rate for grants shall be **20%** of the eligible costs; it shall be increased to **30%** of the eligible costs in respect of:

(a) cross-border activities implemented together by two or more Member States in order to control, prevent or eradicate pests; the application of the increase will depend on the programme submitted; how Member States will cooperate should be clearly described in the programme.

(b) Member States whose gross national income per inhabitant based on the latest Eurostat data is less than 90% of the Union average.

2. The co-financing rate:

(a) may be increased, upon availability of resources, up to, respectively, 50% and 75% of the eligible costs;

(b) shall be increased to 100% of the eligible costs where the activities benefitting from the Union contribution concern the prevention and control of serious human, plant and animal health risks for the Union, and are designed to avoid human casualties or major economic disruptions for the Union as a whole.

3. Where the co-funding requests exceed the budget available and no budget remains from the other priority groups in the same category or from the other category, the co-funding rates will be reduced by the number of points necessary to fit with the budget allocated for each priority group.

4. Where the applications for a given priority group and category are lower than the available budget, the remaining budget will be redistributed with priority within the same category, following the order of the priorities therein and starting from the first priority group and then within the other category, starting from the first priority group.

5. If total requests do not exceed the available budget, no maximum budget limits per priority group will be applied.’.