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to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

**concerning the amendment of the work programme 2015 covered by Commission
Implementing Decision 2014/C 410/ 04 and the adoption of a work programme and a
financing for the year 2016 of activities in the food and feed area to ensure the
application of the food and feed legislation**

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2015 and 2016 Work Programme in the Food and Feed Area

1. INTRODUCTION

This work programme contains implementing measures for the years 2015 and 2016. On the basis of the objectives given in Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown as follows:

Indicative actions (2015)	Indicative amount
Grants (4)	9 685 000 EUR
Procurements (15)	3 750 560 EUR
Administrative Agreements (3)	1 185 000 EUR
Other action (1)	400 000 EUR
TOTAL (23 actions in 2015)	15 020 560 EUR

Indicative actions (2016)	Indicative amount
Grants (2)	2 360 000 EUR
Procurements (4)	6 340 000 EUR
Other action (0)	0 EUR
TOTAL (6 actions in 2016)	8 700 000 EUR

2. GRANTS

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for grants:

In 2015 amounts to 9 685 000 EUR

In 2016 amounts to 2 360 000 EUR

2.1. LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014

2.2. BUDGET LINE

budget 2015 - 17.0403 9 685 000 EUR

budget 2016 - 17.0403 2 360 000 EUR

2.3. Indicative list of envisaged actions

Actions	Estimated no of action	Indicative date of launch	Indicative amount (in EUR)
budget 2015 17.0403			
Support to scientific activities to enhance the efficiency and reliability of surveillance for Pine wood nematode in particular in the buffer zone in Portugal	1 grant decision	Second half of 2015	100 000
OIE global conferences, regional seminars and regional meetings and activities on animal health and welfare	1 grant agreement	2 nd Q 2015	585 000
Financial contribution towards the EuFMD Trust Fund	1 grant agreement	3 rd Q 2015	8 000 000
Sanitary survey for detection of Norovirus in oysters	18 grant decisions	Second half of 2015	1 000 000
budget 2016 17.0403			
Coordinated Control Plan for AMR for 2016	28 grant decisions	1 st Q 2016	2 010 000
Coordination the authorisation requests for minor uses of plant protection products	1 grant agreement	1st Q 2016	350 000

2.4. Description, objectives and foreseen results of the implementing measures

All grants included in the indicative list of envisaged actions will be awarded without a call for proposals to either competent authorities of the Member States or to international organizations active in the field being the sole bodies in position to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results of the grants.

Support to scientific activities to enhance the efficiency and reliability of surveillance for Pine wood nematode in particular in the buffer zone in Portugal

The pinewood nematode is a microscopic worm, native to North America, where the pine trees are generally resistant to it. European pine species are highly susceptible, though, and spread of the pest in Europe could have devastating effects for European pine forests, with severe impact on the natural environment and forestry.

Currently, this nematode is causing severe damage to Portuguese forestry and it could threaten European forestry and trade, in case it spreads out of Portugal and into

the rest of Europe. Support to the Portuguese authorities for scientific activities to enhance surveillance for Pine wood nematode is essential in order to stop the pest from spreading.

Objective: Determine when sampling pine trees at breast height must be complemented by sampling in other parts of the tree including the crown.

Expected results: Conclusion on whether sampling at breast height can be used reliably in Portugal to confirm the absence of Pine wood nematode in the Buffer zone.

OIE global conferences, regional seminars and development of an e-learning platform

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 be shared with all member countries of the OIE and that the EU actively supports conferences, training seminars and meetings and activities organised by the OIE in order to promote the Union's animal health and welfare policy at the occasion.

Global conferences of the OIE on biological threat reduction, on elimination of dog-mediated rabies and on veterinary education and veterinary statutory bodies; regional seminars for OIE focal points of Europe for animal welfare, communication, food safety, veterinary laboratories, aquatic animals and wildlife diseases; development of an e-learning platform for National Focal Points for Animal Disease Notification to the OIE (WAHIS).

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 and meetings and activities organised by the OIE. Consequently, to improve the animal health, welfare and veterinary public health status worldwide and lower the risk in the EU.

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

Financial contribution towards the EuFMD Trust Fund

Financial contribution towards the EuFMD Trust Fund managed by the FVO is with the purpose to assist the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outside the Union. EuFMD Trust Fund has established a strategic plan comprising four pillars.

The first pillar aims at the improvement of readiness for FMD crisis management in member countries, including the development of a frame of European experts in FMD crisis management through real-time training, 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 Turkey and Israel but also the countries in the North of Africa.

The third pillar aims at the promotion of the global strategy of progressive control of FMD through expert support to FAO and OIE agreed activities.

The fourth pillar includes a mechanism for emergency response to a FMD crisis in the European neighbourhood, which could include the supply of emergency vaccines to regions that represent a risk to member countries.

Expenditure incurred by the Trust Fund from 1 September 2015 until 31 August 2019 shall be reimbursed annually.

Objective: Co-financing assistance to implementation of control measures and training to enhance preparedness within the members of EuFMD and in neighbouring countries.

Expected results: Improved preparedness of EU Member States and non-EU European members of EuFMD for the control and eradication of foot and mouth disease, and reduced risk of incursion into the EU.

Sanitary survey for detection of Norovirus in oysters

Following EFSA opinions on the risk related with the contamination by Norovirus in oysters, options for improved virus controls for live bivalve molluscs have been considered by Member States (MS) at a series of working group meetings. One potential control measure is the introduction of virus standards in oysters. However, decisions on further steps have been hindered by a lack of standardised representative data from MS on the prevalence, incidence and levels of Norovirus contamination in oysters. EFSA have also identified this evidence gap, and have recommended a harmonised baseline survey to generate robust data on the presence of Norovirus in oysters in the EU.

The next step is an EU wide harmonised baseline survey carried out by the authorities of the relevant MS.

Objective: Improved virus controls for detection of Norovirus in oysters in the EU.

Expected results: Collection of standardised representative data on the prevalence, incidence and levels of Norovirus contamination in oysters.

Coordinated Control Plan for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) for 2016

Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ 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.

In 2011, the Commission introduced a 5-year action plan against AMR². One of the actions is to strengthen surveillance systems on AMR and antimicrobial consumption on animal medicine.

Objective: Co-financing of the coordinated control plan for antimicrobial resistance monitoring which will include all Member States.

Expected result: Harmonized control plan for monitoring resistance in the food chain in order to increase consumers confidence and assess evolution of resistance in the

¹ Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the monitoring of zoonotic agents (OJ L 325, 12.12.2003, p. 31).

² COM (2011) 748 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, Action plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance.

food chain. In this respect, the Commission will ask all Member States to implement such a plan.

Coordination of the authorisation requests for minor uses of plant protection products for 2016

With regards to the minor uses of plant protection products, it is necessary to ensure an effective coordination and information sharing among Member States and stakeholders. This requires the setting up of a dedicated platform of EU experts on minor uses in the field of plant health. The Commission submitted a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the establishment of a European fund for minor uses in the field of plant protection products. The report concluded that the Commission is ready to assist and to financially contribute in the short and medium term to the creation of this project. First grant for the coordination of the authorization requests for minor uses of plant protection products is already being implemented from 15 April 2015 to 15 April 2016. The current action will constitute a renewal of the grant for an additional year.

Objective: Co-financing with a grant of an EU coordination facility run by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) with the objective to get a coordinated approach in finding solutions for minor uses gaps in the European Union.

Expected result: Coordinated activities leading to reduced minor uses gaps in plant protection products, in order to ensure that the European farmer continues to be able to produce high quality crops, by providing sufficient means and methods.

2.5. Implementation

Support to scientific activities to enhance the efficiency and reliability of surveillance for Pine wood nematode in particular in the buffer zone in Portugal

Implementation: directly by DG SANTE

Maximum EU co-financing rate: 75% of the eligible costs

Award criteria: Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action.

The grant is to be awarded to the Portuguese Plant Health authorities without a call for proposals since the Portuguese Plant Health authorities are best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results.

OIE global conferences, regional seminars and development of an e-learning platform

Implementation: directly by DG SANTE

Maximum EU co-financing rate: 50% of the eligible costs

Award criteria: Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the activities of capacity building of Member States and Third Country officials in relation to the EU policy and OIE standards on animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health. Impact of the expected results of the proposal on the general objectives of lowering the animal disease risk in the EU and promoting the EU policy and OIE

standards on animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health as regards products imported from Third Countries.

The grant is to be awarded to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) without a call for proposals since the OIE is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results.

Financial contribution towards the EuFMD Trust Fund

Implementation: directly by DG SANTE

Maximum EU co-financing rate: 100% of the eligible costs

Award criteria: 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.

The grant is to be awarded to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) without a call for proposals as the FAO is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results.

Sanitary survey for detection of Norovirus in oysters

Implementation: directly by DG SANTE

Maximum EU co-financing rate: 50% of the eligible costs/ 75% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Article 5

Award criteria: Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action; number of eligible tests performed compared with the number of tests recommended.

The grants are to be awarded to the competent authorities in charge of food safety in the oyster producing Member States without a call for proposals as they are the sole bodies in position to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results.

Coordinated Control Plan for antimicrobial resistance

Implementation: directly by DG SANTE.

Maximum EU co-financing rate: 50% of the eligible costs/ 75% of the eligible costs in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Article 5

Award criteria: Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action. Number of tests in the proposal compared with the number of tests recommended.

The grants are to be awarded to the competent authorities in charge of food safety in the participating Member States without a call for proposals as they are the sole bodies in position to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results.

Coordination the authorisation requests for minor uses of plant protection products

Implementation: directly by DG SANTE.

Maximum EU co-financing rate: 50% of the eligible costs.

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

The grant is to be awarded to the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) without a call for proposals as the EPPO is the body best positioned to implement the activities, meet the objectives, and deliver the expected results.

3. PROCUREMENTS

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts:

In 2015 amounts to 3 750 560 EUR

In 2016 amounts to 6 340 000 EUR

3.1. Legal Basis

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014

3.2. Budget line

Budget 2015 - 17.0403 3 750 560 EUR

Budget 2016 - 17.0403 340 000 EUR

Budget 2016 - 17.0401 6 000 000 EUR³

3.3. Indicative list of envisaged contracts

Action	Type of contract	Estimated no of contracts	Indicative date	Indicative amount (in EUR)
budget 2015 17.0403				
Evaluation of the legal framework in the field of pesticides	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	1	3 rd Q 2015	350 000

³ If necessitated, and based on availability of credits, the renewal of stocks of FMD virus antigens in the EU antigen and vaccine bank could be moved to the last Q of 2015 and executed using 2015 credits.

Database on food labelling legislation encompassing horizontal and vertical rules	Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	Second half of 2015	470 000
Study supporting an evaluation of the impact of the Regulation on nutrition and health claims on the EU market	Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	Second half of 2015	250 000
Participation to the International Green Week in Berlin and Salon International de l'Agriculture in Paris with a joint stand with DG AGRI in 2016	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	1	4 th Q 2015	300 000
Promotion of educational materials for animal welfare for professionals	Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	4 th Q 2015	200 000
Study on EU/ Brazil economic scenarios related to the introduction of welfare requirements for pigs and their impact on trade	Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	4 th Q 2015	100 000
Administrative support for the management of the EU declaration on the alternative to surgical castration of pigs	Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	4 th Q 2015	100 000

Study assessing the application of the broilers Directive and the implementation of the welfare indicators	Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	4 th Q 2015	75 000
Production of communication materials, publications, promotional material etc. linked to the Food and Feed area	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	10	Throughout 2015	300 000
Eurobarometer on animal welfare	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	1	Second half of 2015	250 000
External evaluation of the veterinary programmes for 2016	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	40	2 nd Q 2015	150 000
Study on Biocidal Products Regulation fee system	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	1	2nd Q 2015	80 000
Translation of guidance documents, manuals, reports, and provisions for the MS, outsourced by DGT	Specific/ service with existing Service-Level Agreement	1	2nd Q 2015	600 000
Evaluation ionisation of food	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	1	Second half of 2015	100 000

Horizontal contribution to communication for 2015	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	15	Throughout 2015	425 560
budget 2016 17.0403				
Study of the structure and scale of the aquaculture and aquatic animal cultivating sector in the EU including the capability of the aquatic animal health services	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	1	1 st Q 2016	200 000
Study on intra-EU animal health certification of certain live animals and commodities	Specific/ service with existing framework contract	1	1 st Q 2016	90 000
Study analysing the welfare measures under national framework aids	Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	2nd Q 2016	50 000

Actions	Type of contracts	Estimated nr of contracts	Indicative date	Amount (in EUR)
budget 2016 17.0401				
Renewal of stocks of FMD virus antigens in the EU antigen and vaccine bank	Specific/Call for tender/ direct service contract	1	1 st half of 2016	6 000 000

3.4. Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by DG SANTE.

4. OTHER ACTIONS

4.1. Administrative arrangements

4.2. Legal Basis

Article 35 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014

4.3. Budget line

Budget 2015 - 17.0403 1 185 000 EUR

4.4. Indicative list of envisaged administrative agreements

Actions	Estimated no of administrative agreements	Indicative date	Indicative amount (in EUR)
European GMO Coexistence Bureau	1	Second half of 2015	150 000
Use of remote sensing tools for the survey of the territory and identification of declining trees	1	Second half of 2015	485 000
Support to Impact assessment on Endocrine Disruptors ⁴	3	3 rd Q 2015	550 000

4.5. Description, objectives and foreseen results of the implementing measures

The Commission intends to carry out the following actions in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre (JRC):

European GMO Coexistence Bureau

Objectives: Management of the European Coexistence Bureau (ECoB) established in 2008 based on the conclusions of the Agricultural Council of May 2006.

Use of remote sensing tools for the survey of the territory and identification of declining trees

Objectives: Facilitate the identification of declining trees (conifers) in the Buffer Zone between PT and ES that could be affected by the Pine Wood Nematode, with the aim to ensure proper felling outside the flight season of the PWN's vector (in accordance with EU Decision 2012/535/EU); contribute to the development of the technology and the IT infrastructure to support tree pest monitoring with the use of remote sensing anywhere in Europe.

⁴ The action could be executed as procurements in case JRC is not available.

Support to Impact assessment on endocrine disruptors, third action

Objectives: Support to the Impact assessment on the endocrine disruptors, a socio-economic assessment covering environment and health impacts.

4.6. Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by DG SANTE, through Administrative Arrangements with the Joint Research Centre (JRC).

4.7. Other Actions

4.8. Reimbursement of accommodation and travel costs of experts carrying out audits together with the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO)

4.9. Legal Basis

Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014

4.10. Budget line

budget 2015 - 17.04.03 400 000 EUR.

4.11. Indicative list of envisaged other actions

Action (budget 2015 – 17.04.03)	Estimated no of other actions	Indicative date	Indicative amount (in EUR)
Reimbursements of accommodation and travel costs of experts carrying out audits together with the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) for 2016	130	4 th Q 2015	400 000