

## COMMISSION DECISION C(2013)343

of 22 January 2013

**on the adoption of 2013 work programme in the Climate Action policy area, serving as a financing decision.**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

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<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation')

Having regard the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of the Regulation (UE, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>3</sup> (herinafter referred to as the 'Rules of Application')

Whereas:

- (1) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application
- (2) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application
- (3) A balance of EUR 6 000 000 under budget article 07 12 01 will be subject to a separate amending Decision.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 149/1, 9.6.2007, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298/1, 26.10.2012

<sup>3</sup> OJ-L 362/1, 31.12.2012

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The 2013 work programme in the Climate Action policy area (hereinafter "work programme"), as set out in the Annex, is adopted. It constitutes a financing decision in the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution for the work programme is set at EUR 20 750 000 and shall be financed from the following lines of the General Budget of the European Union for 2013:

- (a) budget item 07 01 04 05 – Implementation of Union policy and legislation on Climate Actions - Expenditure on administrative management – EUR 2 150 000;
- (b) budget article 07 02 01 – Contribution to multilateral and international environmental and climate agreements – EUR 900 000;
- (c) budget article 07 12 01 – Implementation of Union policy and legislation on climate action – EUR 14 700 000;
- (d) budget article 07 13 03 – Mainstreaming climate action and innovation – EUR 3 000 000.

These appropriations shall cover interest due for late payment.

*Article 3*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 are not considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme. This may include the increase of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision up to 20 %

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such changes in accordance with the principle of sound financial management and the principle of proportionality.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*Connie Hedegaard*  
*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX

### 2013 Annual Work Programme in the Climate Action Policy Area

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This work programme contains implementing measures for the year 2013. On the basis of the objectives given in the LIFE+ regulation and in the preparatory action for mainstreaming climate action and innovation, the budget breakdown and main actions are as follows:

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Indicative amount in EUR</i>
GRANTS (2)	400 000
Specific grant agreement	400 000
PROCUREMENT (3)	19 450 000
Life+ Programme	16 850 000
Preparatory action	3 000 000
OTHER ACTIONS (4) (contributions to multilateral and international environmental and climate agreements)	900 000
TOTAL	20 750 000

## **2. GRANTS**

### **2.1. Specific grant agreement with the European Cooperation for Accreditation**

#### *2.1.1. Legal Basis*

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54 of the Financial Regulation

#### *2.1.2. Budget Line*

07 13 03 – EUR 400 000

#### *2.1.3. Description and objective of the implementing measure:*

The European cooperation for Accreditation (EA) is the network of 27 national accreditation public bodies that are making possible the implementation of the Council and Parliament Regulation 765/2008, which is the framework regulation related to accreditation. With that respect the EA signed a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) with the Commission (DG ENTR) in June 2010, partially amended in 2011.

The EA has already been involved in the EU ETS since many years with respect to accrediting verifiers in the 17 Member States that were already part of the EA before adoption of the Regulation referred to. Moreover the EA has developed since 2003 the "EA document for Recognition of Verifiers under EU ETS Directive", the so-called EA 6/03.

#### *2.1.4. The envisaged work programme is focusing on preparing the grounds with 27 Accreditation Bodies at national level in the Member States for a good application of the Commission Regulation (EU) 600/2012 on EU ETS Accreditation and Verification. The envisaged tasks are mainly of capacity building on the EU ETS, peer evaluation of National Accreditation Bodies and coordination of national databases on verifiers. This preparatory work will effectively contribute to a harmonised implementation of the Regulation 600/2012 and the robustness of GHG emissions reporting under the third trading period of the EU ETS starting in 2013.*

The specific grant agreement is based on a Framework Partnership Agreement (ref. FRA/EA/ENTR/2010/30-CE-0361584/00-68) signed 30 June 2010 and amounts to max. EUR 400 000. The signature is envisaged for the first quarter 2013.

The co-financing rate shall not exceed 95 % of the applicant's eligible expenses.

The following award criteria will apply:

The extent to which the action contributes to the priorities, activities and results of European Climate policy (development, reviewing and implementation of Community climate policy and legislation within the EU)

The extent to which the action has transnational dimension/trans- boundary (extra-EU) effects

How the work to be financed by the EU will lead to a clear and direct benefit for the Member States in the implementation, updating or development of Community climate legislation

The cost/efficiency ratio of the proposed action

### 3. PROCUREMENT

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2013 amounts to EUR 19 450 000.

#### 3.1. Measures supporting the development and implementation of climate policy and legislation (LIFE+ programme)

##### 3.1.1. Legal base

Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+) (OJ L 149 of 9 June 2007, p.1.) and in particular article 5, paragraph 2.

##### 3.1.2. Budget lines

07 12 01 EU policy and legislation on Climate Action – EUR 14 700 000

07 01 04 05 Implementation of EU policy and legislation on Climate Action - Expenditure on administrative management – EUR 2 150 000

##### 3.1.3. Indicative list of envisaged contracts, including subject, type of contract, number of contracts and envisaged timeframe

The following indicative list of procurements is foreseen on budget item 07 12 01:

	Type of contract <sup>4</sup>	Estimated n° contracts	Indicative date of publication (quarter / Year)
Assistance in conformity checking of transposition by MS of Directives in the climate change area and assistance on technical assessments of MS compliance with legislation in this area	SER	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
Evaluation and impact assessments	SER	7	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Communication activities on EU Climate Action policy and contributing to communication activities on the corporate communication priorities (Economy and Citizens) – awareness raising campaign, support to communication at EU events	SER	12	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2013
Modelling of impact of climate policies and forward looking strategies	SER	3	2 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013

<sup>4</sup> SER (service contract), ETU (study contract), FRA (new framework contract).

CO2 emissions from cars, vans and heavy duty vehicles	SER	6	2 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
Emissions monitoring, reporting and verification	SER	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
Emission from aviation: assistance to the process of auctioning of allowances (auctioning platform, clearing monitor). Emissions from maritime: assistance to the development of reduction targets and market-based measures at global and EU level.	ETU	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
	SER	4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Assistance to management and maintenance of the EU Single registry (EUCR and EUTL)	FRA	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
	SER	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Land use and land use change, agriculture and forestry	ETU	4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2013
	SER	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
Low-carbon and innovative technologies, carbon capture and storage (CCS), renewable energy	SER	4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Further implementation of the climate and energy package 2009 (effort sharing decision , benchmarking decision)	SER	3	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Fuel Quality Directive, indirect land use change, unconventional energy sources	SER	3	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Fluorinated gases and ozone layer protection	SER	1	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013

Two administrative arrangements with the Joint Research Centre on budget item 07 12 01:

Subject	Indicative date of conclusion
Eco-innovations, derogations, further work on heavy duty vehicles, correlation factors ad hoc review of cars and vans regulations, test cycle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Support to the PESETA III projects: Projection of Economic impacts of climate change in sectors of the EU based on bottom-up analysis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013

The following indicative list of procurements is foreseen on budget item 07 01 04 05:

	Type of contract <sup>5</sup>	Estimated n° contracts	Indicative date of publication (quarter / Year)
Publications, Eurobarometer survey, journalist seminars, support to events	SER	25	All 2013
Development , quality control and hosting of Ozone	SER	10	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2013

<sup>5</sup> SER (service contract), ETU (study contract), FRA (new framework contract).

Depleting Systems (ODS, EU single registry)			
Enhanced security measures, quality control, risk management and hosting of Emission Trading System (EU Single Registry)	SER	8	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013

#### 3.1.4. Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG Climate Action.

### 3.2. Mainstreaming, climate action and innovation

#### 3.2.1. Legal base

Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 54 of the Financial Regulation

#### 3.2.2. Budget line

07 13 03 – EUR 2 600 000

#### 3.2.3. Indicative list of envisaged contracts, including subject, type of contract, number of contracts and envisaged timeframe

	Type of contract <sup>6</sup>	Estimated n° contracts	Indicative date of publication (quarter / Year)
Adaptation/resilience to climate change	SER	5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013
Mainstreaming of climate action and tracking of climate expenditure	SER	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
	FRA	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2013
External linking of Emissions trading system (ETS)	SER	1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2013

#### 3.2.4. Implementation

The action will be implemented directly by DG Climate Action.

<sup>6</sup> SER (service contract), ETU (study contract), FRA (new framework contract).

## **4. OTHER ACTIONS**

### **4.1. Multilateral and international agreements**

#### *4.1.1. Legal basis*

Actions carried out by the Commission by virtue of tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and pursuant to Article 54 of the Financial Regulation.

Council Decision 88/540/EEC of 14 October 1988 concerning the conclusion of the Vienna Convention for the protection of the ozone layer and the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer (OJ L 297, 31.10.1988, p. 8).

Council Decision 94/69/EC of 15 December 1993 on the conclusion of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (OJ L 33, 7.2.1994, p. 11).

Council Decision 2002/358/EC of 25 April 2002 concerning the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder (OJ L 130, 15.5.2002, p. 1).

#### *4.1.2. Budget line*

07 02 01 - Contribution to multilateral and international environmental and climate agreements

#### *4.1.3. Amount*

EUR 900 000 (total available budget on budget line EUR 3 200 000)

#### *4.1.4. Description and objective of the implementing measure*

In accordance with point (d) of Article 121(2) of the Financial Regulation, subscriptions are sums paid to bodies and secretariats of international agreements to which the Communities are members, in accordance with the budgetary decisions and the conditions of payment established by the body concerned.

Contributions will be paid further to the presentation by relevant international bodies and secretariats of requests for payment of subscriptions or calls for funds for similar regular contributions.

The total amount foreseen for contributions to international conventions on this budget line is EUR 3 200 000.

The total amount foreseen for climate related agreements is EUR 900 000. The balance will be used by DG Environment.

The amounts below are estimates based on information available to date from the relevant conventions and on exchange rates of EUR 1 = USD 1,2962 and GBP 0,8062 (source: InforEuro, November 2012).

The overall amount of EUR 900.000 EUR foresees possible variations in exchange rate which may affect the amount to be paid under the relevant Agreement in 2013.

Seq n°	Title of the convention / international agreement	Objective:	Regulatory reference	Estimated Amounts (in EUR)
1	Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) New York, 09/05/1992	To achieve stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner	Council Decision on conclusion 94/69/EC of 15 December 1993 (OJ L 33 of 7/2/94)	450 000
2	Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (The Kyoto Protocol) Kyoto, 11/12/1997	To ensure that the aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A to the Protocol do not exceed the assigned amounts, with a view to reducing overall emissions of such gases by at least 5 per cent below 1990 levels in the commitment period 2008-2012, including International Transaction Log (ITL)	Council Decision on conclusion 2002/358/EC: Official Journal L 130 of 15/05/2002	330 000
3	Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP) Vienna, 22/03/1985	To protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects resulting or likely to result from human activities which are likely to affect the ozone layer	Council Decision on conclusion 88/540/EEC of 14 October 1988(OJ L297 of 31/10/98)	15 000
4	Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer Montreal, 16/09/1987, amended in London on 29/06/1990	To protect the ozone layer by taking precautionary measures to control equitably total global emissions of substances that deplete it, with the ultimate objective of their elimination on the basis of scientific knowledge, taking into account technical and economic considerations and bearing in mind the developmental needs of developing countries	Council Decision on conclusion 88/540/EEC of 14 October 1988 (OJ L297 of 31/10/98)	90 000
	Exchange rate variations (USD)			15 000
<b>Total amount</b>				<b>900 000</b>