

# Annual Action Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia for the year 2018

## ANNEX

### to Action Document "EU Integration Facility" (EUIF)

### IMPLEMENTATION - BUDGET

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#### PART 1 - IMPLEMENTATION METHOD(S) AND TYPE(S) OF FINANCING

##### *Essential elements of the action for direct management:*

##### **Procurement:**

- a) the **global** budgetary envelope reserved for procurement: *EUR 4,500,000*
- b) Procurement may be used for achieving all outputs and objectives. 5-6 contracts are expected to be funded under this Action, including service, supply and exceptionally – works contracts.

##### **Grant - Twinning – Call(s) for proposal:**

The **global** budgetary envelope reserved for grants: *EUR 1,300,000*

##### a) Objectives and foreseen results:

Depending on the needs of the beneficiary country, one or more call(s) for proposal for twinning contracts may be organised in line with two of the objectives of the EUIF:

- To strengthen the capacity of the democratic institutions and public administration to assume the obligations stemming from the democratic process and the EU accession process,
- To enhance the alignment with the EU acquis and EU/International Standards including legal enforcement.

The expected results of the funded projects include addressing the Urgent Reform Priorities, success in implementation of sector/sub-sector strategies and achieving the specific targets of the sector strategies, effective adoption and implementation of the legislation harmonised with the EU acquis.

- b) The essential eligibility criteria: applicants must be EU Member State administrations or mandated bodies.
- c) The essential selection criterion is the operational capacity of the applicant.
- d) The essential award criteria are technical expertise of the applicant, and the relevance, methodology and sustainability of the proposed action.
- e) The maximum possible rate of EU financing may be up to 100% of the total cost of the action in accordance with Article 192 of Financial Regulation if full funding is essential for the action to be carried out. The necessity for full EU funding will be justified by the

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responsible authorising officer in the award decision, in respect of the principles of equal treatment and sound financial management.

f) Indicative amount of Twinning contract:

A total of EUR 1,300,000 will be used for twinning contracts, including twinning light contracts. One twinning contract may vary from EUR 100,000 to 1,000,000.

c) Indicative date for launching the selection procedures: *12-33 months after the conclusion of the Financing agreement*

*NOTE: This action encompasses the provision of funds for ad hoc smaller-scale project interventions of democratic institutions and public administration bodies, aimed at 1) strengthening the capacity of the democratic institutions and public administration to assume the obligations stemming from the democratic process and the EU accession process, 2) further aligning with the EU standards and legislation in all negotiation chapters, political and economic criteria for accession, and addressing major and unpredicted challenges for the country, and 3) improving the management of the EU funds and the sector approach.*

*The number of contracts is indicative. On the grounds of the current experience the EUIF will primarily be implemented through service and supply contracts and only in exceptional cases – works. Twinning will also be envisaged under this action depending on the needs of the country.*

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### PART 2 - INDICATIVE ACTION BUDGET BREAKDOWN AND PLANNING FOR CONTRACTING PROCEDURES

IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES	BUDGET (€ )		TIMELINE	
	Total	EU contribution	Launch of procedure	Contract signature <sup>1</sup>
PROCUREMENT				
MULTIPLE CONTRACTS – SERVICE, SUPPLY AND IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES - WORKS	4,500,000	4,500,000		
TWINNING				
MULTIPLE CONTRACTS	1,300,000	1,300,000		
OTHER				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,800,000</b>	<b>5,800,000</b>		

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Timeline: QUARTER (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) YEAR