

## ANNEX

to the Commission Implementing Decision adopting a support measure for sector evaluations of IPA Assistance to Turkey

### 1 IDENTIFICATION

<b>Beneficiary</b>	Turkey
<b>Basic act:</b> <b>CRIS/ABAC Commitment references and budget line:</b>	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA-II) 2019/42285 22 02 04 01
<b>Total cost:</b> <b>EU Contribution:</b>	EUR 1 500 000 EUR 1 500 000
<b>Method of implementation</b>	Direct management by the European Commission
<b>Final date for contracting, including the conclusion of delegation/contribution agreements</b>	31 December 2020
<b>Indicative operational implementation period</b>	31 December 2023

## 2 DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE

### 2.1 Description of the Action Programme

The overall objective of this programme is to assess the performance of IPA assistance in Turkey and support the development of evidence-based policies and the design of interventions through sector-level and/or thematic evaluations.

*List of Actions envisaged under the selected Sectors/Priorities:*

Action	Direct management	Indirect management	
		With entrusted entity	With IPA II beneficiary
Support measure for sector evaluations of IPA Assistance to Turkey	EUR 1 500 000	EUR 0	EUR 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EUR 1 500 000</b>	<b>EUR 0</b>	<b>EUR 0</b>

### 2.2 DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIONS

#### (1) Description of the Action, objectives, expected results and key performance indicators

The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>1</sup>.

The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) is the main financial instrument that provides EU support to Turkey in implementing reforms with a view to Union membership and alignment to EU standards. The overall objective of this programme is to assess the performance of IPA assistance in Turkey and support the development of evidence-based policies and the design of interventions.

EUR 1 500 000 is earmarked within this Programme for carrying out **sector-level and/or thematic evaluations of IPA I and IPA II assistance**, e.g. by grouping the actions implemented in a given sector.

The revised Indicative Strategy Paper for Turkey for 2014-2020<sup>2</sup> sets out the priorities for EU financial assistance for 2014-2020 to support Turkey on its path to accession. It translates the political priorities set out in the enlargement policy framework into key areas where financial assistance is most useful to meet the accession criteria. The assistance is implemented by following a sectoral approach. This aims to ensure a more long-term, coherent and sustainable approach, allow for increased ownership, facilitate cooperation among donors, eliminate duplication of efforts and bring greater efficiency and effectiveness.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

<sup>2</sup> Decision C(2018) 5067 amending Commission Decision C(2014) 5998 of 26 August 2014 adopting the Indicative Strategy Paper for Turkey for the period 2014-2020.

In particular, the programme's outputs shall provide the Commission with the elements for judging the achievements (outputs, outcomes and impact) of IPA assistance and their contribution to the reforms sought in the sectors addressed.

Evaluations are planned for IPA I (2007-2013) and IPA II (2014-2020) with the aim of having lessons learnt, also in view of IPA III programming and EU policy-making.

## **(2) Assumptions and conditions**

It is assumed that all beneficiaries and other stakeholders are fully committed to the implementation of the programme. The commitment of the beneficiaries to cooperating closely and sharing knowledge and experiences is essential for the success of the programme.

The evaluation programme will be implemented in close cooperation with operational managers and beneficiaries. It will provide effective support to the decision-making process and ensure that lessons learnt from evaluations are taken into consideration for the programming and implementation of EU assistance.

## **(3) Implementation modalities:**

The action will be implemented through direct management.

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement is EUR 1 500 000

The evaluations will be carried out following Commission's Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations (DG NEAR) guidelines on linking planning/programming, monitoring and evaluation. They will be planned annually by the EU Delegation within the operational evaluation plan.

## **(4) Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants**

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures, and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents, shall apply subject to the following provision:

The Commission's authorising officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the grounds of urgency or of unavailability of products and services in the markets of the countries concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where the eligibility rules would make it impossible or exceedingly difficult to realise this action.

## **3 BUDGET**

### **3.3. INDICATIVE BUDGET TABLE – SUPPORT MEASURE**

<b>SUPPORT MEASURE</b>	<b>TOTAL (EUR) FOR SUPPORT MEASURE</b>
<b>EUD TURKEY</b>	<b>1 500 000</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1 500 000</b>

#### **4 PERFORMANCE-MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS**

As part of its performance-measurement framework, the Commission shall monitor and assess progress towards achievement of the specific objectives set out in the IPA Regulations, including those set out in the revised Indicative Strategy Paper for Turkey for 2014-2020.

The evaluations will take into account, to the extent possible, indicators for which data exist and baseline values have been set.