Directorate-General for Finance
The Director-General

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2019 annual work programme of grants managed by the Directorate-General for Finance

Introduction


Pursuant to Article 188 paragraph 1 and Article 189 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of the Financial Regulation, the work programme shall be adopted by the institution and published on the grants internet site of the institution concerned prior to its implementation, which commences with the publication of the call for proposals. Furthermore, it shall specify the basic act, if any, the objectives pursued, the expected results, the essential eligibility, selection and award criteria, indicative timetable of calls for proposals with the indicative amount and the maximum rate of co-financing.

1) Period covered

This annual work programme covers the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

2) Basic acts

The legal framework is defined mainly in the following legal acts:


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1 OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1
3 OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p.1


e) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2401 of 2 October 2015 on the content and functioning of the Register of European political parties and foundations⁷;

f) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2246 of 3 December 2015 on detailed provisions for the registration number system applicable to the register of European political parties and European political foundations and information provided by standard extracts from the register⁸;


3) Priorities, objectives and foreseen results

According to Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union “political parties at European level contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union”. Furthermore, Article 224 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union stipulates that “the European Parliament and the Council, acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, by means of regulations, shall lay down the regulations governing political parties at European level referred to in Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union and in particular the rules regarding their funding”.

According to Article 2(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014:

‘European political foundation’ means an entity which is formally affiliated with a European political party, which is registered with the Authority¹⁰ in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in this Regulation, and which through its activities, within the aims and fundamental values pursued by the Union, underpins and complements the objectives of the European political party by performing one or more of the following tasks:

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⁴ OJ C 205, 29.06.2017, p.2
⁷ OJ L 333, 19.12.2015, p.50
⁸ OJ L 318, 4.12.2015, p. 28
¹⁰ Authority for European political parties and European political foundations, established pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014
(a) observing, analysing and contributing to the debate on European public policy issues and on the process of European integration;
(b) developing activities linked to European public policy issues, such as organising and supporting seminars, training, conferences and studies on such issues between relevant stakeholders, including youth organisations and other representatives of civil society;
(c) developing cooperation in order to promote democracy, including in third countries;
(d) serving as a framework for national political foundations, academics, and other relevant actors to work together at European level;”.

The grants are awarded to support the annual work programme of the European political foundation.

4) **Indicative timetable of call for proposals**

Calls for proposals are foreseen to be published in the Official Journal by 30 June 2018 and subsequently on the internet site of the European Parliament.

5) **Indicative amounts**

Budget line 403 - Contributions to European political foundations: € 19 700 000.

The amount is subject to approval by the budgetary authority.

6) **Co-financing**

The maximum possible rate of co-financing from the Union budget amounts to 95% of the eligible expenses (see Article 17(4) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014).

7) **Conditions and implementation**


The grants awarded are operating grants in the meaning of Article 121(1) b) of the Financial Regulation.

Grants are covered by a funding decision, pursuant to the Bureau decision referred to in point 2b) of this document. The template of this funding decision is annexed thereto.