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to the

Commission Decision

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The Annex to Decision C(2020)2794 is amended as follows:

- (1) In point 1, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

“The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this action is EUR 219 million from budget line 18 07 01”.

- (2) in point 1, the following points 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 are added:

1.4: Collection of COVID-19 convalescent plasma

Type of applicants targeted

Member State public blood services and NGOs authorised to collect COVID-19 convalescent plasma.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded

Actions aiming to increase availability of plasma from convalescent patients as direct treatment and to produce immunoglobulin, including availability of collection equipment (plasmapheresis machines and associated equipment, including collection kits), storage, testing and characterisation of plasma and organisational and training programmes.

Implementation

DG SANTE

1.5: Clinical testing of repurposed medicines to treat SARS-COV-2 patients

Type of applicants targeted

A number of projects have been selected for funding through different EU research calls since January 2020, in a competitive process, to repurpose existing molecules. The organisations and project partners involved in the organisation of the clinical trials for these repurposed molecules are the target of this action.

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded

Generation of clinical evidence to support an application for a market authorisation of repurposed medicine.

Implementation

DG SANTE

1.6: Support for the connection of Member States to the federation gateway server for interoperability of tracing apps

Type of applicants targeted

Member States, national authorities and other authorized bodies responsible for:

- (1) Backend servers and federation gateway
- (2) National contact tracing app

Description of the activities to be funded by the grant(s) awarded

Facilitate, when needed, the adaptation of national solutions for cross-border interoperability and support the back office operations necessary to follow up on the alerting mechanism by the national health authorities.

Implementation

DG CNECT

- (3) in point 2, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

“The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts is EUR 2311 million from budget line 18 07 01.”

- (4) in point 2.4, the general description of the contracts envisaged is amended as follows:

“Procurement of health-related equipment required to address the COVID-19 crisis or related health care needs such as personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, glasses, gowns), ventilators and medicines for prevention and treatment of COVID-19.

This action includes costs to procure technical expertise, advice and services regarding quality assurance of health-related products as well as services for facilitating the use of such products.”

(5) in point 2, the following points 2.6 and 2.7 are added:

2.6 Disinfection robots for hospitals

General description of the contracts envisaged

Procurement of disinfection robots to be donated to hospitals in order to allow them to meet disinfection requirements in a more efficient way, and thus limit the spread of the virus and protect medical staff and patients, while relieving cleaning staff from the risky activity of disinfection.

Around 200 robots could be deployed throughout Europe.

The selection of the beneficiaries of these donations will be based on criteria prioritising the hospitals most in needs.

Implementation

DG CNECT

2.7 Federation gateway server for interoperability of tracing apps

General description of the contracts envisaged

Ensure the development, deployment and operation of a technical solution at EU level to facilitate the exchange of data between countries, enabling national apps to notify users that have been exposed to a user using a different national app and who tested positive for COVID-19.

Implementation

DG SANTE with cross sub-delegation to DG DIGIT

(6) in point 3, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

“The global budgetary envelope reserved for actions implemented in indirect management is EUR 66 million from budget line 18 07 01.”

(7) in point 3, the following point 3.3 is added:

3.3. Increasing testing capacity

Implementing entity

International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), as international organisation, providing

support to national authorities in the framework of Covid-19. Red Cross has a network of national societies that cover EU MS. It is already complementing national authorities activities in countries, when needed. It has the capacity of providing testing, mobile equipments that can be rapidly deployed to outbreak places, and perform testing in situ. Contribution Agreement will be concluded with IFRC.

Description of the activities to be funded

Training of supplementary staff to create an additional health workforce able to take samples and perform testing, Deployment of additional testing facilities and capacities, especially mobile ones to respond to outbreaks and allow sufficient capacity to prepare for a second wave. Costs will be eligible as from the date of adoption of the financing decision.