



DECISION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AMENDING FINANCING DECISION 2020

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF CEDEFOP

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) 2019/128 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75;

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of Cedefop adopted by the GB on 16 July 2019 (RB(2019)1034), hereafter referred to as 'Financial Regulation';

Having regard to the Programming Document 2020-2022 of Cedefop approved by its Management Board on 19 December 2019, and in particular to the Work Programme 2020 and its Annex IX, establishing the main procurement activities for the year 2020 and the global budgetary envelope for procurements and grants;

Having regard to the flexibility clause included in Annex IX of the Work Programme 2020, which defines that non-substantial changes to the initial indicative procurement activities are approved by the Authorising Officer i.e. the Executive Director;

Whereas:

1. Article 72(2) of the Financial Regulation provides that the annual work programme of Cedefop is equivalent to a financing decision, for activities funded by its operational appropriations (i.e. Title 3), provided that elements set out in Article 32(2) and (3) of the same rules are identified;
2. The multi-annual work programme of Cedefop incorporates the elements of Article 32(2), i.e. detailed objectives, expected results, and performance indicators, as well as indicative financial and human resources necessary to attain objectives set and contribute to achievement of EU political priorities;

3. In line with Article 32(3) of the FR, the annual work programme of Cedefop sets out expected outputs which contribute directly to objectives set in the strategic programming, and a description of activities financed, together with an indication of financial and human resources allocated to each activity;
4. The same Article 32(3) of the FR provides that any substantial amendment to the annual work programme shall be adopted by the same procedure as the initial work programme;
5. Operational departments realigned their procurement plans to the actual needs, as the year evolved, and priorities reconsidered;
6. The initial budgetary envelope for procurements and grants was 5,923,800 EUR. The changes of planned individual activities' have a cumulative effect of 4,065,300 EUR, mainly fuelled by the change in the planned procurement envelope for the development of the Web Intelligence Hub for online job advertisement data (joint project and procurement procedure with Eurostat for 3 million EUR), and the downsizing of the 3rd Survey for VET and adult learning;
7. The cumulative changes represent a value of 68% of the initial budget allocated to procurements and grants. The cumulative effect constitutes a substantial change in the global budgetary envelop. Consequently, Annex IX of the Work Programme 2020 needs to amended;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

An amendment to the procurement plan for the year 2020, published in Annex IX of the Work Programme 2020, which constitutes part of the Programming Document 2020-2022, is adopted, as per Annex I to this decision.

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Done on 10 December 2020



Barbara Dorn
Chairperson of the Management Board

Annex I: Amendment to the Financing Decision 2020 (Annex IX of the Work Programme 2020 included in the Programming Document 2020-2022)



ANNEX I

AMENDMENT TO THE FINANCING DECISION 2020

(Annex IX of the Work Programme 2020 included in the Programming Document 2020-2022)

ANNEX IX: PROCUREMENT PLAN YEAR 2020 (TITLE 3 – OPERATIONAL APPROPRIATIONS)

Procurement Subject / amended subject	Indicative value (initial)	Final (amended) amount	Absolute change amount	Planned launch (Initial / Amended)	Procurement Procedure	Contract type	Comments/Reasons for the change
Thematic country reviews on upskilling pathways for adults / Promoting lifelong learning of adults through CVET systems and upskilling pathways.	650,000	850,000	200,000	Q2	Open	Study contracts	<p>Substantial change: <i>The scope of the procurement procedure was extended (Lot 1 added due to recent EU policy developments) and the call was launched in two lots:</i> <i>Lot 1: Strategies and partnerships for CVET – towards systems for learning conducive work environments and learning intensive working lives</i> Lot 2: Thematic country reviews on upskilling pathways for low-skilled adults. The two studies will directly contribute to the implementation of the Upskilling pathways Recommendation and to advance the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Commission communication on a strong social Europe for just transitions.</p>

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<p>Real-time LMI /</p> <p><i>Towards the European Web Intelligence Hub - European system for collection and analysis of online job advertisement data (WIH-OJA)</i></p> <p><i>(joint with Eurostat)</i></p>	1,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000	Q1	Open	Framework contract	<p><u>Substantial change</u></p> <p><i>Decision to launch a joint procurement procedure (Interinstitutional) with Eurostat. Impact on Cedefop Budget: decrease of investment from Cedefop budget 1.0 mil EUR initially planned to 0.5 mil EUR. Administrative Agreement signed with Eurostat, setting out modalities for collaboration in setting up the Web Intelligence Hub for Online Job Advertisement data. The joint procurement was decided to facilitate collaboration and joining resources to the common objective. The joint contract (3 mil EUR) will be funded by Cedefop (0,5 mil EUR) and Eurostat (2,5 mil EUR), each signing their own specific contracts.</i></p>
<p><i>ECS follow-up questionnaire: validation of translations</i></p>	0	15,000	15,000	Q3	Negotiated	Purchase Order	<p><i>New procurement procedure and non-substantial change, already approved by the Authorising officer. Services complementing the outcome of the 4th European Company Survey (ECS) organised with Eurofound. The subject of the contract was the validation of translated questionnaires.</i></p>
<p>3rd Survey on VET and adult learning /</p> <p><i>Surveying IVET principals, teachers, learners and trainers: feasibility study</i></p>	1,300,000	400,000	900,000	Q3	Open	Framework contract	<p><u>Substantial change</u></p> <p><i>Downsizing the scope and cost of the activity. The scope and duration of the contract changed: a feasibility study is launched, within 3 pilot countries, in order to assess the cost-effectiveness of a survey approach and its eligibility to close information gaps in the policy making process.</i></p>
<p>Key competences in VET</p>	400,000	450,000	50,000	Q3	Open	Framework contract	<p><i>Non-substantial change, already approved by the Authorising officer, attributed to increase of scope of initial project.</i></p>

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<i>Hosting of Europass legacy instance</i>	0	15,000	15,000	Q3	<i>Negotiated</i>	<i>Purchase Order</i>	<i>Non-substantial change, already approved by the Authorising officer. New project on existing WP2020 activity: Unforeseen work for hosting an instance of Europass to ensure back up of legacy system during the transition of ownership and development of the platform from Cedefop to the European Commission.</i>
<i>Micro-credentials for lifelong and life-wide learning</i>	0	450,000	450,000	Q3	<i>Open</i>	<i>Framework contract</i>	<i>Non-substantial change New project on existing WP 2020 activity. The project was included in the WP as negative priority, subject to budget availability. The project is included in the WP 2021, contract signature will occur in December 2020 and will last for 30 months.</i>
<i>Europass CV analysis</i>	0	45,000	45,000	Q4	<i>Negotiated</i>	<i>Purchase Order</i>	<i>Non-substantial change New project on existing WP2020 activity: The scope of the project is to analyse the content of the ca 10 million anonymised CV gathered in the period 2015-2020 through the Europass CV editor. The project is a follow-up of the work already done during the last years on Europass CV analysis and is intended as a wrap-up in order to prepare the relevant publication.</i>
<i>Mobility scoreboard for IVET in Belgium</i>	0	5,000	5,000	Q4	<i>Negotiated</i>	<i>Purchase Order</i>	<i>Non-substantial change No Belgian institution has applied in the Call for proposals for a Framework Partnership Agreement for 2020-23. Spotlights on VET and the Mobility Scoreboard for initial VET are two of the main deliverables foreseen in the 2020 ReferNet Work plan and leading to a publication. This is an alternative approach to ensure that both publications will include data on Belgium.</i>

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<i>Printing of Cedefop calendar</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>Q3</i>	<i>Negotiated</i>	<i>Framework contract</i>	<i>Substantial change (cumulative result of changes) Cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic, dictating restrictions on physical meetings where the printed calendars would be distributed as promotional material.</i>
Publications support to EU presidency (Croatia) for 1st semester 2020	4,500	4,500	0	Q1	Negotiated	Purchase Order	No change
<i>Publications support to EU presidency (Germany) for 2nd semester 2020</i>	<i>6,300</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6,300</i>	<i>Q2</i>	<i>Negotiated</i>	<i>Purchase Order</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>
Web portal services	296,000	296,000	0	Q1	Negotiated	Increase of ceiling of existing FWC	No change
Web portal services	888,000	888,000	0	Q4	Open	Framework contract	No change
Catering for seminar Brussels Office -1st semester	3,000	0	3,000	Q2	Negotiated	Purchase Order	<i>Substantial change (cumulative result of changes) Cancelled: Will be paid against invoice, as the value is very low.</i>
<i>Catering for seminar Brussels Office -2nd semester</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>Q4</i>	<i>Negotiated</i>	<i>Purchase Order</i>	<i>Substantial change (cumulative result of changes) Cancelled: Will be procured through the Framework Contract for Professional Conference Organisation services.</i>
<i>Catering for EP event Brussels Office</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>Q1</i>	<i>Negotiated</i>	<i>Purchase Order</i>	<i>Substantial change (cumulative result of changes) Cancelled due to Covid-19 ban on travels and meetings.</i>
<i>IWAMA</i>	<i>350,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>350,000</i>	<i>Q4</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Framework contract</i>	<i>Substantial change (cumulative result of changes) Postponed for 2021</i>

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ReferNet SGAs 2021	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	Q3	Call for proposals	Specific Grant Agreement	No change
Totals	5,923,800	7,418,500	4,065,300				

Remarks:

1. Amendments to the Financing Decision 2018, published within the Work Programme 2018 (Annex IX) are shown in *blue italics* fonts.
2. Changes in the Financing Decision which are included for informative purposes (i.e. no decision by the MB needed) are shown in *green italics* fonts.