

2023 annual work programme for the implementation of pilot projects and preparatory actions in the area of education, youth, sport and culture

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, and in particular Articles 58 and 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 58(2) point (a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') provides that appropriations for pilot projects of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness may be implemented without a basic act provided the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the competences of the Union.
- (2) Article 58(2) point (b) of the Financial Regulation provides that appropriations for preparatory actions in the fields of application of the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty, designed to prepare proposals with a view to the adoption of future actions may be implemented without a basic act provided the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the competences of the Union.
- (3) In order to ensure the implementation of pilot projects in the areas of sport and culture, and preparatory actions in the areas of research and innovation, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2023. To that effect, Article 110 of the Financial Regulation establishing detailed rules on financing decisions should apply.
- (4) The envisaged assistance should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures² adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1

² See www.sanctionsmap.eu – 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, the OJ prevails.

- (6) To allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate changes which are not considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the pilot projects and preparatory actions in the areas of sport, culture, research and innovation for 2023, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of pilot projects in the areas of sport and culture, and preparatory action in the area of research and innovation for the year 2023 is set at EUR 10 500 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

Budget line	Title	Appropriations in EUR
PP 07 23 03	Pilot Project - Sport Supports' - emergency sport actions for youth	2 000 000.00
PP 07 22 01	Pilot Project - Establishing a European Heritage Hub to support a holistic and cost-effective follow-up of the European Year of Cultural Heritage	1 000 000.00
PP 07 22 04	Pilot Project - Sport for People and Planet - a new approach on sustainability through sport in Europe	1 500 000.00
PA 01 23 02	Preparatory Action - European Fellowship Scheme for Researchers at Risk	6 000 000.00
Total		10 500 000.00

The appropriations provided in the first paragraph shall also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions in each pilot projects and preparatory actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution of each budget line set in the first paragraph of Article 2, first paragraph of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer responsible shall implement the changes referred to in the first paragraph, in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 20.3.2023

For the Commission
Mariya GABRIEL
Member of the Commission



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EUROPÉENNE

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LA COMMISSION EUROPÉENNE,

vu le traité sur le fonctionnement de l'Union européenne,

vu le règlement (UE, Euratom) 2018/1046 du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 18 juillet 2018 relatif aux règles financières applicables au budget général de l'Union, modifiant les règlements (UE) n° 1296/2013, (UE) n° 1301/2013, (UE) n° 1303/2013, (UE) n° 1304/2013, (UE) n° 1309/2013, (UE) n° 1316/2013, (UE) n° 223/2014, (UE) n° 283/2014 et la décision n° 541/2014/UE, et abrogeant le règlement (UE, Euratom) n° 966/2012¹, et notamment ses articles 58 et 110,

considérant ce qui suit:

- (1) L'article 58, paragraphe 2, point a), du règlement (UE, Euratom) 2018/1046 (ci-après le «règlement financier») dispose que les crédits relatifs à des projets pilotes de nature expérimentale visant à tester la faisabilité d'une action et son utilité peuvent être exécutés sans acte de base, pour autant que les actions financées relèvent de la compétence de l'Union.
- (2) L'article 58, paragraphe 2, point b), du règlement financier dispose que les crédits relatifs à des actions préparatoires dans les domaines d'application du traité sur le fonctionnement de l'Union européenne et du traité Euratom, destinées à préparer des propositions en vue de l'adoption d'actions futures, peuvent être exécutés sans acte de base, pour autant que les actions financées relèvent de la compétence de l'Union.
- (3) Aux fins de la mise en œuvre des projets pilotes dans les domaines du sport et de la culture et des actions préparatoires dans les domaines de la recherche et de l'innovation, il y a lieu d'adopter une décision de financement annuelle, qui constitue le programme de travail annuel pour 2023. À cet effet, l'article 110 du règlement financier, qui énonce les règles détaillées applicables aux décisions de financement, devrait s'appliquer.
- (4) L'assistance envisagée devrait respecter les conditions et procédures établies par les mesures restrictives² adoptées conformément à l'article 215 du TFUE.
- (5) Il convient de permettre le paiement d'intérêts de retard sur la base de l'article 116, paragraphe 5, du règlement financier.

¹ JO L 193 du 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² Voir www.sanctionsmap.eu – Veuillez noter que la carte des sanctions est un outil informatique permettant de déterminer les régimes de sanctions. Les sanctions résultent d'actes législatifs publiés au Journal officiel (JO). En cas de divergence, le JO fait foi.

- (6) Pour permettre une certaine flexibilité dans la mise en œuvre du programme de travail, il y a lieu d'autoriser des modifications qui ne sont pas considérées comme substantielles aux fins de l'article 110, paragraphe 5, du règlement financier,

DÉCIDE:

Article premier
Le programme de travail

La décision de financement annuelle, constituant le programme de travail annuel destiné à mettre en œuvre les projets pilotes et les actions préparatoires dans les domaines du sport, de la culture, de la recherche et de l'innovation pour 2023, tel qu'elle figure à l'annexe de la présente décision, est adoptée.

Article 2
Contribution de l'Union

Le montant maximal de la contribution de l'Union destinée à la mise en œuvre des projets pilotes dans les domaines du sport et de la culture et des actions préparatoires dans les domaines de la recherche et de l'innovation pour l'année 2023 est fixé à 10 500 000 EUR, à financer par les crédits inscrits sur les lignes suivantes du budget général de l'Union:

Ligne budgétaire	Intitulé	Crédits en EUR
PP 07 23 03	Projet pilote – Soutien par le sport – actions sportives d'urgence pour les jeunes	2 000 000,00
PP 07 22 01	Projet pilote – Création d'une plateforme du patrimoine européen pour donner une suite globale et efficace au regard des coûts à l'Année européenne du patrimoine culturel	1 000 000,00
PP 07 22 04	Projet pilote – Sport pour les personnes et la planète – Une nouvelle approche de la durabilité par le sport en Europe	1 500 000,00
PA 01 23 02	Action préparatoire – Programme européen de bourses pour les chercheurs en danger	6 000 000,00
Total		10 500 000,00

Les crédits prévus au premier alinéa couvrent également les intérêts de retard.

Article 3
Clause de flexibilité

Les modifications cumulées des crédits alloués aux actions spécifiques de chaque projet pilote et action préparatoire ne dépassant pas 20 % du montant maximal de la contribution de l'Union fixé à l'article 2, premier alinéa, de la présente décision pour chaque ligne budgétaire ne sont pas considérées comme substantielles aux fins de l'article 110, paragraphe 5, du règlement financier, lorsqu'elles n'ont pas d'incidence significative sur la nature des actions ni sur l'objectif du programme de travail.

L'ordonnateur compétent applique les modifications visées au premier alinéa dans le respect des principes de bonne gestion financière et de proportionnalité.

Fait à Bruxelles, le 20.3.2023

Par la Commission
Mariya GABRIEL
Membre de la Commission



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KOMMISSION

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DIE EUROPÄISCHE KOMMISSION —

gestützt auf den Vertrag über die Arbeitsweise der Europäischen Union,

gestützt auf die Verordnung (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046¹ des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 18. Juli 2018 über die Haushaltsordnung für den Gesamthaushaltsplan der Union, zur Änderung der Verordnungen (EU) Nr. 1296/2013, (EU) Nr. 1301/2013, (EU) Nr. 1303/2013, (EU) Nr. 1304/2013, (EU) Nr. 1309/2013, (EU) Nr. 1316/2013, (EU) Nr. 223/2014, (EU) Nr. 283/2014 und des Beschlusses Nr. 541/2014/EU sowie zur Aufhebung der Verordnung (EU, Euratom) Nr. 966/2012, insbesondere auf Artikel 58 und Artikel 110,

in Erwägung nachstehender Gründe:

- (1) Gemäß Artikel 58 Absatz 2 Buchstabe a der Verordnung (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 („Haushaltsordnung“) können Mittel für Pilotprojekte experimenteller Art, mit denen Durchführbarkeit und Nutzen einer Maßnahme bewertet werden, ohne Basisrechtsakt verwendet werden, sofern die Europäische Union die Zuständigkeit für die zu finanzierenden Maßnahmen hat.
- (2) Gemäß Artikel 58 Absatz 2 Buchstabe b der Haushaltsordnung können Mittel für in den Anwendungsbereichen des AEUV und des Euratom-Vertrags fallende vorbereitende Maßnahmen, die auf die Erarbeitung von Vorschlägen für künftige Maßnahmen abstellen, ohne Basisrechtsakt verwendet werden, sofern die Europäische Union für die zu finanzierenden Maßnahmen die Zuständigkeit hat.
- (3) Damit die Durchführung von Pilotprojekten in den Bereichen Sport und Kultur und von vorbereitenden Maßnahmen in den Bereichen Forschung und Innovation gewährleistet werden kann, ist die Annahme eines jährlichen Finanzierungsbeschlusses für 2023 erforderlich, der das jährliche Arbeitsprogramm darstellt. Daher sollte Artikel 110 der Haushaltsordnung, in dem ausführliche Vorschriften für Finanzierungsbeschlüsse festgelegt sind, Anwendung finden.
- (4) Bei der geplanten Unterstützung sind die Bedingungen und Verfahren einzuhalten, die im Rahmen der nach Artikel 215 AEUV erlassenen restriktiven Maßnahmen² festgelegt sind.

¹ ABl. L 193 vom 30.7.2018, S. 1.

² Siehe www.sanctionsmap.eu – die Weltkarte der Sanktionen ist ein IT-Tool für die Erfassung von Sanktionsregelungen. Die Sanktionen beruhen auf den im Amtsblatt veröffentlichten Rechtsakten. Bei Abweichungen ist das Amtsblatt maßgebend.

- (5) Es ist notwendig, die Zahlung von Verzugszinsen gemäß Artikel 116 Absatz 5 der Haushaltsordnung vorzusehen.
- (6) Im Interesse einer flexiblen Durchführung des Arbeitsprogramms sollten Änderungen zugelassen werden, die für die Zwecke des Artikels 110 Absatz 5 der Haushaltsordnung nicht als substantiell anzusehen sind.

BESCHLIEßT:

Artikel 1 *Arbeitsprogramm*

Der jährliche Finanzierungsbeschluss, der das im Anhang beschriebene jährliche Arbeitsprogramm für die Durchführung der Pilotprojekte und vorbereitenden Maßnahmen in den Bereichen Sport, Kultur, Forschung und Innovation für das Jahr 2023 darstellt, wird angenommen.

Artikel 2 *Beitrag der Union*

Der Höchstbeitrag der Union für die Durchführung von Pilotprojekten in den Bereichen Sport und Kultur und von vorbereitenden Maßnahmen in den Bereichen Forschung und Innovation für das Jahr 2023 beläuft sich auf 10 500 000 EUR und wird aus Mitteln finanziert, die unter den folgenden Haushaltslinien des Gesamthaushaltsplans der Union eingestellt wurden:

Haushaltslinie	Titel	Mittel in EUR
PP 07 23 03	Pilotprojekt – Unterstützung durch Sport – Nothilfemaßnahmen im Sportbereich für junge Menschen	2 000 000,00
PP 07 22 01	Pilotprojekt – Einrichtung eines „European Heritage Hub“ (Zentrum für das Europäische Kulturerbe) zur Unterstützung einer ganzheitlichen und kosteneffizienten Nachbereitung des Europäischen Jahres des Kulturerbes	1 000 000,00
PP 07 22 04	Pilotprojekt – Sport for People and Planet (Sport für die Menschen und den Planeten) – ein neuer Ansatz für Nachhaltigkeit durch Sport in Europa	1 500 000,00
PA 01 23 02	Vorbereitende Maßnahme – Europäisches Stipendiatenprogramm für Forscher in Not	6 000 000,00
Insgesamt		10 500 000,00

Die in Absatz 1 genannten Mittel decken auch Verzugszinsen ab.

Artikel 3 *Flexibilitätsklausel*

Änderungen der Mittelzuweisungen für einzelne Maßnahmen im Rahmen der jeweiligen Pilotprojekte und vorbereitenden Maßnahmen, die in der Summe 20 % des in Artikel 2 Absatz 1 dieses Beschlusses für die jeweilige Haushaltslinie festgesetzten Höchstbeitrags der Union nicht übersteigen, gelten als nicht substantiell für die Zwecke des Artikels 110

Absatz 5 der Haushaltsordnung, wenn sie sich nicht wesentlich auf die Art der Maßnahmen und die Zielsetzung des Arbeitsprogramms auswirken.

Der zuständige Anweisungsbefugte führt die in Absatz 1 genannten Änderungen im Einklang mit den Grundsätzen der wirtschaftlichen Haushaltsführung und der Verhältnismäßigkeit durch.

Brüssel, den 20.3.2023

*Für die Kommission
Mariya GABRIEL
Mitglied der Kommission*

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ANNEX

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2023 FOR THE PILOT PROJECTS AND
PREPARATORY ACTIONS IN THE AREA OF SPORT, CULTURE, RESEARCH
AND INNOVATION**

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Pilot Project - Sport Supports' - emergency sport actions for youth	
Budget line	PP 07 23 03
Legal basis:	Pilot Project within the meaning of Article 58(2)(a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

1. BACKGROUND

Many refugees arrived in the EU, notably but not exclusively because of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Participating in sport can help to become eventually ready to rebuild one's life. The world of sport can contribute to assisting people hit by humanitarian crisis such as war in order to facilitate overcoming trauma, adapting to new environments, creating bonds with the temporary hosting communities and fostering their mental and physical well-being. The focus group are children and young people affected by humanitarian crises and mass migration processes in the context of war. This pilot project would also generate inclusion in the public space and promote the exchange of cultures and traditions of different ethnic or social groups.

2. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTION

This pilot project will focus on encouraging community integration of children and youth. By improving their mental well-being by attending sport sessions, these individuals will eventually become ready to adjust to their new environment. Sport activities, with their power of bringing people together, will help interaction with the host community; facilitate integration into the education system and the labour market.

To achieve the best results those activities should be organised at the local, grassroots level, mainly through grassroots sports clubs, involving only one country, as it is easier to respond to integration needs by implementing activities at the local level.

The main beneficiaries will be children and young people affected by humanitarian crises and mass migration processes in the context of war.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Activities, games and sports must be designed in order to meet specific social and psychosocial goals. They need to be age appropriate, culturally appropriate and be considered in respect to the gender roles in the community. Building on the existing physical capacities of participants, experienced coaches will help them feel comfortable by encouraging those performing skills that they already know. Therefore, cooperation between grassroots sports clubs and centres that could offer social, psychological or pedagogical support would be important and required. This project would also involve, mainly as facilitators, sport

federations. In addition, the purpose of this proposal is to inspire other sport clubs to set up support programmes by publishing and promoting experiences and good practices.

The expected results include:

- Promote, in and through sport, the direct engagement of young people affected by the war with meaningful activities at local level, in their host communities;
- Facilitate overcoming trauma, adapt to new environments and create bonds with the temporary hosting communities;
- Improve physical and mental well-being of those displaced by attending sport sessions;
- Collect experiences and good practices for dissemination and further inspiration to take up similar initiatives elsewhere in Europe.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

This action will be implemented by the Commission and/or the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), according to the establishment and delegation act entrusting the EACEA with certain tasks related to the management of the pilot projects and preparatory actions in the field of education, youth, culture and sport, and in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 4(4) of the Commission Decision C(2021)951 delegating powers to the European Education and Culture Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture, citizenship and solidarity comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.

3.1 Grants

The pilot project will be implemented through a call for proposals. The selected projects should be led by sport organisations organising sport activities at local level.

Description of the actions:

Actions must promote community integration of children and young people affected by humanitarian crisis such as war in the hosting communities.

To reach the objective of improving mental well-being and overcoming trauma through sport, the projects shall involve cooperation between grassroots sports organisations and centres that offer social, psychological or pedagogical support.

Eligible applicants

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an organisation active in the field of sport (such as sport federation, club, etc.) with legal personality (public or private body);
- Have a registered legal office in one of the EU Member States.

The total budget estimated for grants is EUR 1 947 953.

3.2 Procurement

EACEA will support the promotion, dissemination and valorisation of the projects selected under this pilot project to demonstrate the results of projects and serve as inspiration for future action. This will involve communication activities, mainly web-based, related to the publication of leaflets and compendia as well as to the organisation of info days, kick-off meetings, webinars and conferences. This will be developed through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures and will be in line with the Commission's prevailing communication and visibility requirements.

The total budget estimated for procurement is EUR 10 000.

3.3 Experts

The evaluation of proposals resulting from the call for proposals will be carried out by external experts selected via the call for expression of interest available at the Portal Expert Database (2021-2027) for a total estimated amount of EUR 40 000.

3.4 Support to IT Systems

In order to support the full cycle of the grant management it is necessary to use the e-grants information systems. The estimated amount is EUR 2 047.

4. PROGRAMMING TABLE

Budget line PP 07 23 03 — Pilot Project - Sport Supports' - emergency sport actions for youth

2023 Commitment appropriations (amounts in EUR)
EU Budget
2 000 000

WPI (*)	Actions	Budget	Mode of implementation (**)	Implementing Body
1.00	Actions for the implementation of Sport Supports' - emergency sport actions for youth	1 947 953	CFP	EACEA
1.01	Communication activities	10 000	PP	EACEA
1.02	Support to selection (experts)	40 000	SE	EACEA
1.03	IT Support	2 047	PP	DIGIT
	TOTAL	2 000 000		

(*) WPI: Work Programme Index

(**): Mode of implementation

PP: Public procurement

CFP: Grants awarded through call for proposals

SE: Experts art. 273 FR

Pilot Project - Establishing a European Heritage Hub to support a holistic and cost-effective follow-up of the European Year of Cultural Heritage	
Budget line	PP 07 22 01
Legal basis:	Pilot Project within the meaning of Article 58(2)(a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

1. BACKGROUND

The budget of the European Union for 2022 included appropriations for the establishment of a Pilot Project establishing a European Heritage Hub to support a holistic and cost-effective follow-up of the European Year of Cultural Heritage. An amount of EUR 2 990 000 was put to this effect under budget line PP 07 22 01.

Subsequently, the European Commission adopted an Annual Work Programme for 2022 for the implementation of pilot projects and preparatory actions in the area of education, youth, sport and culture (C(2022)1848), which included a grant of maximum EUR 2 883 000 to finance the establishment of this Hub.

As part of the budget of the European Union for 2023, the budgetary authority earmarked an additional amount of EUR 1 000 000 under the same budget line to reinforce and expand the activities of the Hub.

2. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTION

The main objective of the Hub is to pool voices, forces and resources – both public and private - for the benefit of a holistic and integrated approach to cultural heritage policies at all levels, notably at the EU level, and ensure that all relevant EU and national policies and priorities duly incorporate a cultural heritage dimension, as explained in the abovementioned Annual Work Programme for 2022. In pursuing this objective, the Hub will build on and pool the resources of the data space for cultural heritage, based in Europeana and in the 15-years work of over 4000 museums, libraries and archives across Europe, including Ukraine and the Balkans as well as the upcoming Competence Centre for the conservation of cultural heritage (which is also leading an initiative called SUM, Save the Ukraine Monuments).

According to the budgetary authority's wishes, additional appropriations for this pilot project are intended to cover commitments remaining settled from previous years under the pilot

project. The additional appropriations are meant to be used to continue and enlarge the scope of the European Heritage Hub selected under the AWP for 2022.

The additional amount will help the pilot project increase its scope by seeking to include more stakeholders in the Hub and enlarge the geographical coverage. Special focus should be given to Ukraine and Moldova, the three countries in the Caucasus and also in the Western Balkans.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

With the additional funds provided into this Annual Work Programme, it is expected that:

- the number of stakeholders of the Hub is increased
- the geographical coverage of the Hub is enlarged, namely by providing a special focus on specific regions as explained above

Additionally, it is also expected that the Hub will help address the situation of cultural heritage in Ukraine following Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine. From this perspective, the pilot will complement EU action on the ground, including those implemented as part of the Creative Europe Annual Work Programme for 2023:

- Training for cultural heritage professionals in Ukraine
- The specific call to support Ukrainian refugees and the Ukrainian cultural and creative sectors

3. IMPLEMENTATION

This action will be implemented by the Commission and/or the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), according to the establishment and delegation act entrusting the EACEA with certain tasks related to the management of the pilot projects and preparatory actions in the field of education, youth, culture and sport, and in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 4(4) of the Commission Decision C(2021)951 delegating powers to the European Education and Culture Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture, citizenship and solidarity comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.

3.1 Grants

The grant will finance activities aiming at achieving the expected results.

3.2 Experts

Experts whose fees are covered by the appropriations of the Annual Work Programme for 2022 (final evaluation of the project) will be mobilised to evaluate the activities undertaken under this Annual Work Programme.

4. PROGRAMMING TABLE

Programming table for 2023

Budget line PP 07 22 01 — Pilot Project - Establishing a European Heritage Hub to support a holistic and cost-effective follow-up of the European Year of Cultural Heritage

2023 Commitment appropriations (amounts in EUR)
EU Budget
1 000 000

WPI (*)	Actions	Budget	Mode of implementation (**)	Implementing Body
1.00	Top-up of the Pilot Project selected under the Annual Work Programme for 2022.	998 976	MON	EACEA
1.02	IT support	1 024	PP	DIGIT
	TOTAL	1 000 000		

(*) WPI: Work Programme Index

(**): Mode of implementation

PP: Public procurement

MON: Grant awarded to a beneficiary in a situation of Monopoly (Article 195 FR)

Pilot Project - Sport for People and Planet - a new approach on sustainability through sport in Europe	
Budget line	PP 07 22 04
Legal basis:	Pilot Project within the meaning of Article 58(2)(a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

1. BACKGROUND

Sport can be used as an efficient tool for environmental change by promoting sustainable practices. Thanks to its potential, sport can maximize its relevance and assume its responsibility in creating a more sustainable Europe. Therefore, an innovative concept is needed that contributes to people and the planet. This project will use the power of sport to make European citizens aware of the importance of sustainability and help them to understand how they can contribute to social cohesion and environmental protection. In addition, this initiative will be in line with the objectives of the New European Bauhaus.

2. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTION

The action should focus on examples of inspirational behaviour and practices at grassroots level that can be multiplied and on methods to engage citizens and sport stakeholders in communities to co-create and cooperate on sustainable sport practices. The objectives of the proposed project are to:

- raise awareness, inspire behaviour, and lead the thinking in European society on how sport can enable and accelerate social and environmental transformation;
- engage EU citizens to actively participate in sustainable measures using the communicative power of sport, its major events and leading role models.

Actions supported under this project will contribute to the implementation of the New European Bauhaus initiative.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

The expected results include:

- collecting and sharing knowledge on new behavioural approaches needed to make the sport sector more environmentally sustainable;
- develop approaches and toolkit to be used by sport organisations to become influential leaders in environmental transformation;

- investigate new approaches allowing sport to become a model of sustainability especially for European young generation;
- present and implement socially and environmentally sustainable solutions for sport events.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

This action will be implemented by the Commission and/or the EACEA, according to the establishment and delegation act entrusting the EACEA with certain tasks related to the management of the pilot projects and preparatory actions in the field of education, youth, culture and sport, and in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 4(4) of the Commission Decision C(2021)951 delegating powers to the European Education and Culture Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture, citizenship and solidarity comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.

3.1 Grants

The pilot project will be implemented through a call for proposals by EACEA. The selected projects should be led by organisations active in the sport sector.

Description of the actions:

Actions must promote the increased and active role of sport in sustainability and environmental transformation.

The activities shall plan and implement methods aimed at making sport the role model industry in environmental transformation, especially for young generations.

Eligible applicants

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an organisation active in the field of sport (such as sport federation, club, etc.) with legal personality (public or private body);
- Have a registered legal office in one of the EU Member States.

The total budget estimated for grants is EUR 1 428 465.

3.2 Procurement

EACEA will support the promotion, dissemination and valorisation of the projects throughout the current pilot project. This will involve communication activities, mainly web-based, which will be developed through existing framework contracts or new procurement procedures.

The total budget estimated for procurement is EUR 10 000.

3.3 Experts

The evaluation of proposals resulting from the call for proposals will be carried out by external experts through service contracts for a total estimated amount of EUR 60 000.

3.4 Support to IT Systems

In order to support the full cycle of the grant management it is necessary to use the e-grants information systems. The estimated amount is EUR 1 535.

4. PROGRAMMING TABLE

Budget line PP 07 22 04 — Pilot Project - Sport for People and Planet - a new approach on sustainability through sport in Europe

2023 Commitment appropriations (amounts in EUR)
EU Budget
1 500 000

WPI (*)	Actions	Budget	Mode of implementation (**)	Implementing Body
1.00	Actions for the implementation of Sport for People and Planet	1 428 465	CFP	EACEA
1.01	Communication activities	10 000	PP	EACEA
1.02	Support to selection (experts)	60 000	SE	EACEA
1.03	IT Support	1 535	PP	DIGIT
	TOTAL	1 500 000		

(*) WPI: Work Programme Index

(**): Mode of implementation

PP: Public procurement

CFP: Grants awarded through call for proposals

SE: Experts art. 273 FR

Preparatory Action - European Fellowship Scheme for Researchers at Risk	
Budget line	PA 01 23 02
Legal basis:	Preparatory action within the meaning of Article 58(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

1. BACKGROUND

Support in Europe for researchers at risk is fragmented and limited to a handful of countries and organisations providing sustained support for researchers at risk. Europe has in the recent past faced a clear need and challenge to respond swiftly to sudden inflows of at risk scholars (e.g. Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine).

To this day, no European mobility or cooperation programme has specifically addressed this challenge.¹ Horizon 2020 funded several European-level projects to support researchers at risk between 2018 and 2021 under the science4refugees framework. The MSCA has since 2019 supported organisations working with researchers at risk through the InspireEurope and InspireEurope+ projects (respectively under Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe), which are implemented by several national and international organisations in EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries, however these projects could not provide fellowships to researchers at risk. The most recent support scheme under MSCA for researchers at risk is the MSCA4Ukraine fellowship scheme. The two former projects do not provide direct fellowships, nor is there any other EU-level scheme that provides similar support. While MSCA generally provide support to researchers of any nationality (thus including researchers at risk), the selection and recruitment are based on the standard MSCA procedures, fixed deadlines and eligibility criteria, all of which are not adapted to, nor envisaged for emergencies. Finally, as part of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme, excellence is a key component of the MSCA and therefore they remain highly competitive (average success rate in MSCA is 15%).

This Preparatory Action (PA) aims to develop a suitable structure for a fellowship scheme for researchers at risk.

The PA will contribute to the EU priorities under the European Research Areas (ERA) on fundamental values and academic freedom, notably but not restricted to the work under the ERA Policy Agenda Action 6 on academic freedom.

¹ See the [InspireEurope-Report-Researchers-at-Risk-Mapping-Europes-Response.pdf](https://inspireurope-report-researchers-at-risk-mapping-europes-response.pdf) (sareurope.eu)

2. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTION

This preparatory action (PA) will pilot a European Fellowship Scheme to support Researchers at Risk. Its objective is to establish, test and validate the procedures for *the selection of fellows* (assessing their risk and awarding them the fellowship) and for *matching fellows with host institutions* in the EU.

Fellowship scheme for researchers at risk

To validate the established procedures, the PA will award fellowships to researchers at risk in two tracks, with around 15 fully funded placements in each track²:

- Track 1: Urgent placements for researchers at risk (outside the refugee process)
- Track 2: Refugee researchers and follow-up placements for at-risk candidates outside the refugee process

Under this PA, requests by researchers from any non-EU countries will be considered. At the time of application, the researchers may be based in their home country, a third country or an EU/EEA country, depending on their status.

The evaluation and selection procedures of researchers will follow a set of guidelines for the assessment and validation of researchers' risk (type, level, authenticity, etc.), background, research and work portfolio (quality and excellence), asylum/refugee status, and any other relevant assessment criteria. The guidelines will be an important part of the proposal developed by the applying consortium based on the consortium's prior experience in evaluation and vetting procedures for at risk researchers. Experiences of comparable national and international programmes should be considered.

Support to individual researchers will be open to all domains of research and innovation and in line with the objectives and principles of scientific excellence, skills and career development, inter-sectoral mobility, equal opportunities and inclusiveness, attractive working conditions, work/life balance, while fostering open science, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Supported researchers can be either doctoral candidates (i.e. enrolled in a doctoral programme leading to the award of a doctoral degree) or postdoctoral researchers (i.e. in possession of a doctoral degree).

The beneficiary and third parties hosting researchers at risk

The beneficiary of this Preparatory Action, i.e. the consortium selected through this call for proposals, will report to the European Research Executive Agency and will be responsible for the implementation of the fellowship scheme: its overall management, establishing, testing and validating the selection and evaluation procedures and guidelines for researchers at risk, and the implementation of the proposed matchmaking scheme to link selected researchers with potential hosts, for cases when researchers have not yet identified a potential host organisation.

² Depending on the family situation and needs of each individual researcher (i.e. budgetary allocations)

Eligible third parties that will recruit researchers include any academic or non-academic organisations established in an EU Member State. Other organisations, including those established in non-associated third countries can host researchers for short-term secondments.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

The expected project results include:

- Establishing, testing and validation of the proposed selection and matchmaking procedures through a small-scale fellowship scheme (around 30 placements)
- The award of (around) 30 fellowships for researchers at risk, as well as ensuring the follow-up and overall sound management of the project.

At the level of individual researchers to be supported, the following outcomes are expected:

- New research and transferable skills and competences, leading to improved employability and career prospects within and outside academia.
- New knowledge allowing the conversion of ideas into products and services, where relevant.
- Enhanced networking and communication capacities with scientific peers, as well as with the general public that will increase and broaden the research and innovation impact.
- Building long-lasting collaborative links with EU counterparts.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

This action will be implemented by the Commission and/or the European Research Executive Agency (REA), according to the establishment and delegation act entrusting REA with certain tasks related to the management of the pilot projects and preparatory actions in the field of research and innovation and in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 4(5) of the Commission Decision C(2021)952 delegating powers to the European Research Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of Research and Innovation, Research of the Fund for Coal and Steel and Information Provision and Promotion Measures concerning Agricultural Products comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.

3.1 Grants

The preparatory action will be implemented through a call for proposals by REA. The selected project should be led by an organisation or consortium with a solid track record in the field of support for at risk researchers, academic freedom, human rights; with extensive experience in managing of EU funding (desirably in R&I or higher education), and desirably with some experience in the area of migration, through research and/or project work.

Description of the action:

The action will comprise the following (non-exhaustive list):

- Establishing, testing and validation of the proposed selection and matchmaking procedures
- A call for proposals for awarding fellowships
- The award of around 30 fellowships to researchers at risk
- The follow up, monitoring and management of the project

Eligible applicants:

To be eligible, consortia must meet the following criteria:

- Consist of a minimum three organisations (e.g. higher education institution, research organisation, civil society organisation/non-governmental organisation) from three different EU Member States
- Have demonstrable experience in managing international fellowship programmes
- All members of the consortia have a registered legal office in one of the EU Member States.
- Have demonstrable experience in managing international projects
- Have demonstrable experience in the field(s) relevant to this call for proposals – support for researchers at risk, migration, human rights, academic freedom (at national, EU or international level), higher education/research, international cooperation

The total budget for the PA is EUR 6 000 000.

4. PROGRAMMING TABLE

Programming table for 2023

Budget line PA 01 23 02 — Preparatory Action - European Fellowship Scheme for Researchers at Risk	2023 Commitment appropriations (amounts in EUR)
	EU Budget
	6 000 000

WPI (*)	Actions	Budget	Mode of implementation (**)	Implementing Body
1.00	Preparatory Action - European Fellowship Scheme for Researchers at Risk	6 000 000	CFP	REA
	TOTAL	6 000 000		

(*) WPI: Work Programme Index

(**): Mode of implementation

CFP: Grants awarded through call for proposals