



Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

Erasmus+: Schools, Vocational Training, Adult Education, Platforms

GRANT DECISION FOR AN ACTION
DECISION NUMBER – 2018 - 3753 / 001 - 001
of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
on the award of a grant to support the
Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)
within the Erasmus+ Programme

The **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency** (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency"), acting under powers delegated by the European Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"),

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Union");

Having regard to the Regulation No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Erasmus+: The Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport, for the period 2014 to 2020¹;

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union² (hereinafter the «Financial Regulation») and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union³ provide the framework for the award of Union grants;
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision of 18 December 2013 establishing the "Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency"⁴ and repealing Decision CE(2009)336 of 20 April 2009⁵ setting up the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency for the management of Community action in the fields of education, audiovisual and culture in application of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003⁶ provides that the Agency is responsible for the management of grants to be awarded under the Union programmes delegated to it, including the Erasmus+ Programme;

¹ OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 50.

² OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ OJ L 362 of 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 343 of 19.12.2013, p. 46

⁵ OJ L 101 of 21.04.2009, p. 26, as amended subsequently.

⁶ OJ L 11 of 16.01.2003, p. 1.

- (3) Commission Decision C(2015)658 of 12 February 2015 amending Commission Decision C(2013)9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to implementation of Union Programmes in the fields of education, audiovisual and culture, comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and the EDF allocations;
- (4) On 17/07/2018, the Agency has sent the invitation to submit a proposal EACEA 15/2018 (the "call") in order to support the participation in the **Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)** within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme;
- (5) Whereas this Grant Decision is the result of an invitation to submit a proposal by which applicants have been informed of the model Grant Decision of the Agency and of the General Conditions. Submission of a grant application implies acceptance of the General Conditions annexed to this Grant Decision;
- (6) The addressee of this Grant Decision presented a request for a grant under this invitation to submit a proposal (application No **606661-EPP-1-2018-1-IT-EPPKA3-PIAAC**), wherein he declares that he has taken note of the conditions set out in the call, including the General Conditions of the model Grant Decision annexed to it, and accepts them;
- (7) The application fulfils the conditions set out in the abovementioned invitation to submit a proposal and has been selected;
- (8) The Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities⁷ and Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)⁸ provide for measures for the effective protection of the Union's financial interests;
- (9) The Agency, the Commission and the European Court of Auditors may check the use made of the grant at any time during the implementation of the action and during a period of five years following the date of payment of the balance or of three years following the payment of the balance in the case the maximum amount of the grant is not more than EUR 60.000.

⁷ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2-5

⁸ OJ L 136, 31.5.1999, p. 1-7

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE OF THE GRANT**

A European grant is awarded to:

AGENZIA NAZIONALE PER LE POLITICHE ATTIVE DEL LAVORO,
VIA FORNOVO N 8,
I - 00192 ROMA

hereinafter referred to as “the beneficiary”,

represented for the purposes of this Grant Decision by **Salvatore PIRRONE**,

for the action entitled **Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)** ("the action") as described in Annex I, under the terms and conditions set out in the present Grant Decision, the General Conditions and the other Annexes to this Grant Decision. The action shall correspond to the statutory activities and objectives of the beneficiary. As declared in the application submitted, the beneficiary has accepted the grant and agreed to implement the action, acting on its own responsibility.

ARTICLE 2 – ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE GRANT DECISION AND DURATION

2.1 The Grant Decision shall enter into force on the date of its notification to the beneficiary.

2.2 The action shall run as of **01-01-2019** (“the starting date of the action”) and shall end on **31-12-2020**.

ARTICLE 3 – MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND FORM OF THE GRANT

The grant shall be of a **maximum amount of EUR 356.476,00** and shall take the form of:

- (a) The reimbursement of 79,96 % of the eligible costs of the action ("reimbursement of eligible costs"), which are estimated at EUR 445.795,00 and which are:**
- (i) actually incurred (“reimbursement of actual costs”) for the categories of costs indicated in Annex III**
 - (ii) reimbursement of unit costs: not applicable*
 - (iii) reimbursement of lump sum costs: not applicable*
 - (iv) reimbursement of flat rate costs: not applicable*
- (b) Unit contribution: not applicable**
- (c) Lump sum contribution: not applicable**
- (d) Flat-rate contribution: not applicable**

ARTICLE 4 – ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON REPORTING, PAYMENTS AND PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Reporting periods, payments and additional supporting documents

In addition to the provisions set out in the General Conditions n°23 and n°24, the following reporting and payment arrangements shall apply:

Upon notification of the Grant Decision, a pre-financing payment of **80%** of the maximum amount specified in Article 3 shall be paid to the beneficiary.

Payment of the balance

Sole reporting period from 01-01-2019 to the end of the period set out in Article 2.2: By way of derogation from General Condition n°23.2, the balance shall be paid to the beneficiary, subject to the receipt of the following documents:

1. A request for final payment by the legal representative of the beneficiary stating the amount due. The letter should include the amount(s) paid to the OECD as a contribution to the survey for the years 2019 and 2020;
2. A copy of the order form(s) requesting the payment transfer(s) from the OECD for the participation in the PIAAC survey for the years 2019 and 2020;
3. A proof of payment to OECD (the copy of the transfer(s) occurred through a bank statement);
4. A declaration on the honour signed by the legal representative of the beneficiary authorising the release of the data gathered through PIAAC.

No audit reports and any other supporting documents are required.

4.2 Time limit for payments

The time limit for the Agency to make the payment of the balance is 60 days.

4.3 Language of requests for payments, technical reports and financial statements

All requests for payments and financial statements shall be submitted in English, French or German.

ARTICLE 5 – BANK ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENTS

All payments shall be made to the beneficiary's bank account, denominated in euro, as indicated below:

Name of bank: **BANCA D'ITALIA**

Address of branch: 60 G, VIA MILANO,

I - ROMA

Precise denomination of the account holder: MIN ECONOMIA FINANZE FONDO
ROTAZIONATTUAZIONE POLITICHE COMUNITARIE

Full account number (including bank codes): IBAN_ ONLY

IBAN code: **IT07E0100003245350200023211**

ARTICLE 6 – DATA CONTROLLER AND COMMUNICATION DETAILS

6.1 Data controller

The entity acting as a data controller according to General Condition n° 6 shall be the person who is representing the Agency for the purposes of the signature of this Grant Decision.

6.2 Communication details of the Agency

Any communication addressed to the Agency shall be sent to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
Mr Tapio Säävälä
Unit A5
Office J59 08/33
Avenue du Bourget, 1
1049 Brussels
BELGIUM
E-mail address: EACEA-policy-networks@ec.europa.eu

6.3 Communication details of the beneficiary

This Grant Decision is addressed to the beneficiary:

AGENZIA NAZIONALE PER LE POLITICHE ATTIVE DEL LAVORO
Salvatore PIRRONE
VIA FORNOVO N 8,
I - 00192 ROMA

Any communication from the Agency to the beneficiary shall be sent to the above mentioned address.

ARTICLE 7 – ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON USE OF THE RESULTS (INCLUDING INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS)

In addition to the provisions of Article II.8, if the beneficiary produces materials under the scope of the project, such materials must be made available for the public, in digital form, freely accessible through the Internet under open licenses.

The beneficiary must also warrant that the Agency and the European Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Union") has the rights to:

- ✓ Communicate the results of the action by any other types of communication not specified in the General Conditions;
- ✓ Edit or re-write in another way the results of the action, including shortening, summarising, modifying the content, correcting technical errors in the content;
- ✓ Cut, insert meta-data, legends or other graphic, visual, audio or word elements in the results of the action;
- ✓ Extract a part (e.g. audio or video files) of, divide into parts or compile the results of the action;
- ✓ Prepare derivative works of the results of the action;

- ✓ Translate, insert subtitles in, dub the results of the action in all official languages of EU;
- ✓ Authorise or sub-licence the modes of exploitation set out above to third parties.

The Agency and the Union shall have the rights of use specified in the General Conditions and set out above for the whole duration of the industrial or intellectual property rights concerned.

ARTICLE 8 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON BUDGET TRANSFERS

Not applicable.

ARTICLE 9 – ORDER OF PRECEDENCE AND ANNEXES

The Annex II "General Conditions" (hereinafter referred to as the "General Conditions") and the other Annexes to the present Grant Decision form an integral part of the present Grant Decision. The terms set out in this Grant Decision shall take precedence over those in the General Conditions. The terms of the General Conditions shall take precedence over the other Annexes.

ARTICLE 10 – OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

10.1 Inapplicability of the no-profit principle

By way of derogation from General Condition n° 25.3, the no-profit principle does not apply to the grants the maximum amount of which, as referred to in Article 3, is lower than or equal to EUR 60 000.

10.2 Special provisions on the conversion of costs incurred in another currency into Euro

By way of derogation from General Condition n° 23.4, any conversion into euro of costs incurred in other currencies shall be made by the beneficiary at the monthly accounting rate established by the Commission and published on its website

(http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm)

applicable at the **first month of the period of eligibility of costs as set out in Article 2.2.**

10.3 Publicity obligations

For the purpose of General Condition n°7 of the Grant Decision, relating to the publicity and use of the relevant logo, the beneficiary must follow the instructions available on the following website: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/visual-identity_en

The beneficiary must inform the public, press and media of the action (internet included), which must, in conformity with General Condition n°7 mentioned above, visibly indicate “with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union” as well as the graphic logos.

Where the action, or part of the action, is a publication, the mention and graphic logos must appear on the cover or the first pages following the editor's mention.

If the action includes events for the public, signs and posters related to this action must be displayed. This must include the logos mentioned under point 1. Authorisation to use the logos described in point 1 implies no right of exclusive use and is limited to this agreement.

The obligation to comply with the publicity provision set out in n° 7 of the General conditions constitutes a substantial obligation. Without prejudice to the right to terminate the grant, in case of failure to fulfil this obligation, the Agency may apply a 20% reduction of the grant initially provided for.

10.4 Penalties in the case of non-compliance with publicity obligations and for poor, partial, or late implementation

For the purpose of poor, partial or late implementation as provided for in Article II.25.4, and in a total of maximum 100 points, the reduction will be of:

- ✓ 25% if the project scores at least 40 points and below 50 points;
- ✓ 35% if the project scores at least 30 and below 40 points;
- ✓ 55% if the project scores at least 20 and below 30 points;
- ✓ 75% if the project scores below 20 points.

SIGNATURE



For the Agency

Tapio SÄÄVÄLÄ

Head of Unit

Authorising Officer by Sub-delegation

Done at Brussels, on...*10/12/2018*

In duplicate in English

Annex I	Description of the action
Annex II	General Conditions (hereinafter referred to as “the General Conditions”)
Annex III	Estimated budget of the action
<i>Annex IV</i>	<i>Model technical report: not applicable</i>
<i>Annex V</i>	<i>Model financial statement: not applicable</i>
<i>Annex VI</i>	<i>List of supporting documents: not applicable</i>
<i>Annex VII</i>	<i>Model terms of reference for the operational verification report: not applicable</i>

ERASMUS + PROGRAMME**GRANT DECISION****PROJECT NUMBER – 606661-EPP-1-2018-1-IT-EPPKA3-PIAAC****ANNEX I****DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION**

Following up on the Council Conclusions of May 2007 on a coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in Education and Training⁹, the purpose of this action is to support the participation of the ERASMUS+ Programme countries in the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) survey, implemented under the auspices of the OECD.

The results of this international survey will permit the EU to identify indicators on adult's skills to be integrated in the coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks set up to be used for monitoring progress in fields central for the follow up of the Education and Training 2020 strategic objectives.

Since the publication of the first PIAAC report in October 2013, the European Commission is using those results for supporting Member States' efforts in improving and reforming education and training to meet the challenges of today's changing labour markets and support inclusive societies. The European Commission, via the Agency, is committed to continuing this support to the PIAAC survey. The results of the PIAAC survey will bring about higher competitiveness of European business, sustained economic growth and job creation.

⁹ 2007/C 311/10 of 25 May 2007

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ANNEX II

GENERAL CONDITIONS

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/conditions_ii_a.pdf

Submission of a grant application implies the acceptance of these General Conditions.

These General Conditions bind the beneficiary to whom the grant is awarded and shall constitute an annex to the Grant Decision.

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ANNEX III
ESTIMATED BUDGET OF THE ACTION

I. Total costs

	Requested budget	Eligible budget
Total	445.795,00 EUR	445.795,00 EUR

II. Revenue

	Requested budget	Eligible budget
1. Maximum EU grant	356.476,00 EUR	356.476,00 EUR
2. National contribution	89.319,00 EUR	89.319,00 EUR
3. Other sources of funding	0,00 EUR	0,00 EUR
Total	445.795,00 EUR	445.795,00 EUR