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ANNEX III

Annual work programme of the Ukraine Facility pillar III for 2024 – part II

Financing of the functioning of the Audit Board of the Ukraine Facility

On the basis of the objectives set out in Regulation (EU) 2024/792, and in particular Article 36(9) thereof, the work programme of the Ukraine Facility pillar III for 2024 – part II contains the action to be financed and the budget breakdown for 2024 as follows:

1. AMOUNT

Total estimated cost: EUR 11 654 136,29

Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 11 654 136,29

2. LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EU) 2024/792 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 February 2024 establishing the Ukraine Facility.

3. BUDGET LINE

BGUE-B2024 16.06.03.01 (Union accession assistance and other measures):

EUR 11 654 136,29

4. BENEFICIAR(Y)/(IES) OF THE ACTION

The action shall be carried out for the benefit of Ukraine. The final beneficiaries of the action are the people of Ukraine.

5. OBJECTIVES PURSUED

This action aims to fund the functioning of the Audit Board of the Ukraine Facility.

Pursuant to article 36 of the Ukraine Facility Regulation, the Audit Board was established with Commission Decision C(2024)3969 final.

The Audit Board will be composed by three independent members, selected and appointed by the Commission following a call for manifestation of interest. The Board Members will be based in Brussels and will travel to Ukraine several times per year.

The Audit Board members will be supported by a team of Kyiv-based experts and consultants which will act as the Audit Board's "secretariat". The secretariat will operate under the authority and supervision of Commission staff.

This action enables the Commission to:

- fund the remuneration and mission expenses of the Audit Board Members;
- procure the services required to operate the secretariat of the Audit Board.

6. METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Direct management – Procurement

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in 2024 is EUR 10 000 000,00.

One service contract is planned under this action to equip the Audit Board with a Kyiv-based secretariat for the duration of its mandate. The Secretariat will provide technical as well as administrative support to the Audit Board, and it will conduct regular monitoring work. The secretariat will operate under the authority and supervision of Commission staff. The contract will comprise all costs related to the office premises and their maintenance, along with the activities of the experts and administrative staff.

6.2 Other action or expenditure

The global budgetary envelope reserved for other expenditure in 2024 is EUR 1 654 136,29

This expenditure will cover the costs of the Members of the Audit Board, in line with the provisions laid down in Commission Decision C(2024)3969 final.

7. EXPECTED RESULTS

The Audit Board of the Ukraine Facility is operational and fully equipped.