

## Management Board Decision

**DECISION N° 08-2020**

**of 21 October 2020**

### **ADOPTING FINANCING DECISION FOR the independent assessment of adequate funding of staff supporting earmarked projects**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and in particular Article 75 thereof;<sup>1</sup>

Having regard to the EASA's Financial Regulation, adopted by MB decision 02-2019, and in particular Article 72(2) thereof, in conjunction with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation;<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS:

- (1) EASA's budget receives funding from three main sources: Fees & Charges, Subsidy and Earmarked Funds, the process of allocating staff costs to Earmarked Funds in accordance with the exact time worked on specific earmarked projects, is called "regularisation".
- (2) The regularisation process effectively replenishes the general budget (F&C and EU subsidy) by transferring the direct staff cost to the respective project ensuring that the staff cost of Agency staff working on the implementation of EC funded projects is correctly charged to projects,
- (3) It is the Agency's understanding, that the regularisation process is designed to prevent "double funding".
- (4) With some sponsors of earmarked projects (EC) discussions are recurring about whether staff working on earmarked projects is "double funded": Once by the general subsidy/F&C income and again, when staff costs are reimbursed to individual earmarked funds.
- (5) EASA envisages to acquire an independent assessment that should provide a convincing, simple and clear statement whether or not "the Agency's current budgeting, accounting- and cost controlling structure and methods in view of the calculation of direct and indirect staff costs and related regularisation prevent any kind of "double funding" of staff costs by earmarked projects".

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91

<sup>2</sup> 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.



- (6) EU financial rules foresee any financing decision has to be approved by the MB. The Single Programming Document (SPD) is considered a proper Financing Decision for all projects/programs included in it. The intended assessment of adequate funding of staff supporting earmarked projects was not specifically addressed in the SPD. Therefore there is a need for a specific approval.
- (7) To allow the launch of the necessary procurement procedure, the Agency is seeking the MB's Financing Decision, in line with article 110 Financial Regulation. According to article 110 (5) an ad hoc Financing Decision can be presented.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Financing Decision for the independent assessment of adequate funding of staff supporting earmarked projects is granted as laid down in the Annex and the Explanatory Note to this Decision.

Done in Warsaw, 21 October 2020

[Signed]

PIOTR SAMSON  
Chair of the Management Board



## Annex to Decision MB N° 08-2020

### **FINANCING DECISION FOR the independent assessment of adequate funding of staff supporting earmarked projects**

The financing and the launch of the procurement procedure to support the independent assessment of adequate funding of staff supporting earmarked projects will be as described below:

Type of Contract: Specific contract  
Nr. of contracts: 1  
Financial envelope: maximum of 50.000 EUR  
BL: 3601  
Launch date: October 2020

