

## Action fiche

### 1. IDENTIFICATION

Title/Number	<b>Référence:</b> T05-EUTF-SAH-REG-02 Technical Cooperation Facility		
Total cost	Total estimated cost: 5 000 000 EUR  Total amount drawn from the Trust Fund: 5 000 000 EUR		
Aid method / Method of implementation	Direct management - Project modality		
DAC-code	43010	Sector	

### 2. RATIONALE AND CONTEXT

#### 2.1. Summary of the action and its objectives

The Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF) is used for the provision of short-term consultancies to assist in identifying, preparing, evaluating, monitoring and auditing actions implemented by the Trust Fund, as well as communication and visibility activities. It may also be used to commission studies linked to the objective of the trust fund.

#### 2.2. Context

2.2.1. *Country/regional context, if applicable*

N/A

2.2.2. *Sector context: policies and challenges*

N/A

#### 2.3. Lessons learnt

This is the first such facility for the Trust Fund. Experience has shown that terms of reference of technical assistance activities need to be clearly drafted with precise and detailed outputs and that inception meetings are essential to get to common understanding of expectations.

#### 2.4. Complementary actions

To the extent possible, an indicative pipeline of activities to be financed from the TCF will be published on the intranet of the Trust Fund, with a short description of the scope, so as to prevent duplication of work with other initiatives.

## **2.5. Donor co-ordination**

In addition to the above-mentioned publication of the TCF's pipeline, donors and partners may be invited to comment on the Terms of Reference and be consulted during the activities, where feasible and relevant.

## **3. DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

### **3.1. Objectives**

The overall objective is to increase the efficiency of the Trust Fund, through technical assistance for the identification, formulation, evaluation, monitoring of and communication on trust fund interventions, as well as technical studies.

### **3.2. Expected results and main activities**

The expected results are:

- Trust fund interventions are identified, formulated, evaluated and monitored;
- Trust fund interventions have appropriate visibility;
- Trust fund stakeholders have sufficient information on issues related to the Trust Fund objectives

### **3.3. Risks and assumptions**

The main risks are:

- Technical assistance does not meet the needs of the trust fund;
- Technical assistance overlaps with existing initiatives.

The assumptions for the success of the project and its implementation include:

One of the key assumptions is that the studies produced are of sufficient quality and follow an inclusive process so as to ensure that they lead to valuable recommendations / outputs for all stakeholders.

Mitigating measures have been considered, including:

Publishing a pipeline of assistance to be commissioned, consulting other donors on terms of reference available to other donors, consulting with national authorities.

### **3.4. Cross-cutting issues**

Particular attention will be given in project specifications to environmental sustainability, gender equality, good governance and human rights in order to ensure mainstreaming in future actions. Those themes may also be the subject of specific studies.

### **3.5. Stakeholders**

The relevant stakeholders are the Trust Manager(s), EU Delegations, Trust Fund donors and beneficiary countries.

#### **4. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

##### **4.1. Financing agreement, if relevant**

Financing agreements are not envisaged.

##### **4.2. Indicative operational implementation period**

The implementation period will be 60 months.

##### **4.3. Implementation components and modules**

Interventions should be implemented in direct management by the Manager(s) of the Trust Fund, through service contracts.

##### **4.4. Indicative budget**

Component	Amount in EUR thousands
Technical assistance facility	4 480
Communications and visibility	500
Evaluation and audit	20
Total	5 000

The progress of the action will be monitored through regular reporting to the operational committee. In principle, technical assistance outputs will be made available to members of the Trust Fund's operational committee.

##### **4.5. Evaluation and audit**

If necessary, ad hoc audits or expenditure verification assignments could be contracted by the European Commission for one or several contracts or agreements.

Audits and expenditure verification assignments will be carried out in conformity with the risk analysis in the frame of the yearly Audit Plan exercise conducted by the European Commission. The amount allocated for external evaluation and audit purposes should be shown in the budget at section 4.4. Evaluation and audit assignments will be implemented through service contracts, making use of one of the Commission's dedicated framework contracts or alternatively through the competitive negotiated procedure or the single tender procedure.

##### **4.6. Communication and visibility**

The action will finance communication activities, but as a technical cooperation facility will not be subject to specific communication and visibility measures.