

ANNEX III – INTEGRATED PROJECTS

III.1 – Definitions

In addition to the definitions in Article II.1, the following definitions apply to this contract:

Implementation plan: means the description of the work to be carried out in order to implement the *project* as set out in Annex I. It consists of two parts:

- **a detailed implementation plan:** providing a detailed description of the work to be carried out over the eighteen-month period¹ covered by one period as defined in Article 6 and the first six months of the following period, together with a detailed financial plan for the same eighteen-month period, containing estimates of eligible costs broken down by *contractor* and by activity.
- **an outline implementation plan:** providing an outline description of the work to be carried out throughout the duration of the *project*, including a non-confidential action plan for the promotion of gender equality within the *project*.

III.2 – Competitive calls

1. When required by the terms of Annex I, the *consortium* shall identify and propose to the Commission the participation of new *contractors* following a competitive call in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
2. The *consortium* shall publish the competitive call at least in one international journal and in three different national newspapers in three different Member States or *Associated States*. It shall also be responsible for advertising the call widely using specific information support, particularly Internet sites on the Sixth Framework Programme, the specialist press and brochures and through the national contact points set up by Member States and *Associated States*. The *consortium* shall inform the *Commission* of the call and its content at least 90 days prior to its expected date of publication. In addition, the publication and advertising of the call shall conform to any instructions and guidance notes established by the *Commission*.
3. The competitive call shall remain open for the submission of proposals by interested parties for a period of at least five weeks.
4. The *consortium* shall evaluate offers received in the light of the criteria that governed the *Commission's* original evaluation and selection of the *project*, defined in the relevant call for proposals, and with the assistance of at least two independent experts appointed by the *consortium* on the basis of criteria described in Article 11.2.b of the *Regulation*.

¹ The final *detailed implementation plan* may cover a shorter period.

5. The *consortium* shall notify the *Commission* of the proposed accession of a new *contractor/contractors* in accordance with Article 3. At the same time, it will inform the *Commission* of the means by which the competitive call was published and of the names and affiliation of the experts involved in the evaluation. The *Commission* may object to the accession of any new *contractor* within six weeks of the receipt of the notification.

III.3 – Updating the *implementation plan*

The *implementation plan* shall be updated annually. These annual updates may concern only the *detailed implementation plan*. They shall be submitted in accordance with the principles foreseen in Article II.7 for the submission of reports.

The *Commission* shall follow the same procedure for approving the updates of the *implementation plan* as that foreseen for reports in Article II.8.

III.4 - Annual review

Upon receipt of the reports referred to in Article II.7 and the proposed update of the *implementation plan* referred to in Article III.3, the *Commission* shall arrange a review of the work carried out under the *project* over the period concerned and shall examine the proposed update of the *implementation plan*. The annual review shall assess in particular the progress of the *project* and the prospects for achieving its overall objectives.

The *Commission* shall communicate to the *consortium* the results of the review and any recommendations. The *consortium* shall take account of these recommendations and will submit a revised *implementation plan* if considered necessary either by the *Commission* or by the *consortium*.