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Proposal for a

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

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#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

#### 1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

## Reasons for and objectives of the proposal

Following a proposal by the Commission for an Article 185 TFEU PRIMA initiative <sup>1</sup>, the Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup> on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') jointly undertaken by several Member States was adopted.

PRIMA aims at implementing a joint programme to foster research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and common innovative solutions for improving the efficiency, safety, security and sustainability of agro-food systems and of integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area. PRIMA will be jointly undertaken by a number of Member States and third countries ('PRIMA Participating States') with a high level of commitment to scientific, management and financial integration and under the same terms and conditions.

The Republic of Lebanon ('Lebanon') expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State by letters of 1 September 2014, 17 February 2016, 4 April 2017, committing to provide a financial contribution of 7 million euros to the initiative.

In order to ensure that Lebanon participates in PRIMA on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020, an International Agreement with the Union is required to extend the scope of the legal regime established by Decision (EU) 2017/1324 to Lebanon.

On 30 May 2017 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Union, with Lebanon on an International Agreement between the Union and Lebanon laying down the terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA, subject to the adoption of Decision (EU) 2017/1324.

The negotiations started on 26 June 2017 and were successfully completed on 18 July 2017, when the Chief Negotiators of the future Parties signed a procès-verbal certifying the conclusion of the negotiation process. The draft Agreement attached to this proposal is in line with the negotiating directives issued by the Council. In particular, it establishes that the terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA shall be those set out in Decision (EU) 2017/1324, making direct reference to the Union legislative act.

In order to ensure the protection of Union financial interests, particularly the powers of the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office, the Court of Auditors and the PRIMA Implementation Structure (PRIMA-IS) to carry out audits and investigations in accordance with the applicable Union legislation, the Agreement makes specific reference to the relevant provisions of Decision (EU) 2017/1324 and obliges the Parties to provide all necessary assistance to ensure their implementation. In addition, the future Agreement stipulates that the Parties must agree on detailed arrangements for assistance, such arrangements being essential

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COM(2016) 662 final, 18.10.2016.

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Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJ L 185, 18.07.2017, p. 1).

to their cooperation under this Agreement. Upon the request of Lebanon and as agreed during the negotiations, an additional recital was inserted in the preamble of the Agreement to reflect that full cooperation and coordination between competent authorities of both future Parties is essential for implementation of the future Agreement.

## Consistency with existing policy provisions in the policy area

As also presented in the impact assessment report for PRIMA<sup>3</sup>, the openness of PRIMA to the participation of third countries such as Lebanon is consistent with the objectives of international cooperation for research and innovation as outlined in the 2012 Commission Communication 'Enhancing and focusing EU international cooperation in research and innovation: A strategic approach<sup>4</sup> and Horizon 2020 Framework Programme, which promotes cooperation with third countries in science, technology and innovation in order to tackle global societal challenges and support Union external policies. This Agreement is also consistent with the existing Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part<sup>5</sup> which provides for cooperation between Union and Lebanon in research and technological development and encourage research and development activities in the fields of common interest.

## • Consistency with other Union policies

The implementation of PRIMA in close cooperation with third countries such as Lebanon is also consistent with, and relevant for, other Union policies, such as migration policy, development policy and neighbourhood policy.

#### 2. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL

The proposal for a Council decision is based on Article 186 and Article 218(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

#### 3. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The Legislative Financial Statement presented with this Decision sets out the indicative budgetary implications.

In the light of the above, the Commission proposes that the Council

- decides on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement on behalf of the Union;
- authorises the negotiator of the Agreement to sign, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> SWD(2016)332 final, 18.10.2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> COM(2012) 497 final.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> OJ L143, 30/05/2006, p. 2.

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#### THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186 in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>6</sup> provides for the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') jointly undertaken by several Member States.
- (2) PRIMA aims at implementing a joint programme to foster research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and common innovative solutions for improving the efficiency, safety, security and sustainability of agro-food systems and of integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area.
- (3) PRIMA will be jointly undertaken by a number of Member States and third countries ('PRIMA Participating States) with a high level of commitment to scientific, management and financial integration and under the same terms and conditions.
- (4) The Republic of Lebanon ('Lebanon') expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and on an equal footing with the Member States and countries associated to Horizon 2020 participating in PRIMA.
- (5) In accordance with Article 1(2) of Decision (EU) 2017/1324 Lebanon is to become a Participating State in PRIMA subject to the conclusion of an international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA.
- (6) On 30 May 2017 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Union, with Lebanon, on an international agreement setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA, subject to the adoption of Decision (EU) 2017/1324. The negotiations were successfully completed.
- (7) Therefore, the Agreement should be signed on behalf of the Union, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

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(8) In view of allowing for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA from its start, the Agreement should be applied provisionally.

#### HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

The signing of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) is hereby approved on behalf of the Union, subject to the conclusion of that Agreement.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

#### Article 2

The Council Secretariat General shall establish the instrument of full powers to sign the Agreement, subject to its conclusion, for the person(s) indicated by the negotiator of the Agreement.

#### Article 3

The Agreement shall be applied provisionally, in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement, as from the date of its signing, pending its entry into force.

#### Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on [the date of its adoption].

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President

#### LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 1. FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE

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#### LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 1. FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE

## 1.1. Title of the proposal/initiative

Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

# 1.2. Policy area(s) concerned in the ABM/ABB structure<sup>7</sup>

Title 08 Research and Innovation, Horizon 2020 Framework Programme.

## 1.3. Nature of the proposal/initiative

☑ The proposal/initiative relates to **a new action** 

 $\square$  The proposal/initiative relates to a new action following a pilot project/preparatory action<sup>8</sup>

☐ The proposal/initiative relates to **the extension of an existing action** 

☐ The proposal/initiative relates to an action redirected towards a new action

# 1.4. Objective(s)

1.4.1. The Commission's multiannual strategic objective(s) targeted by the proposal/initiative

The purpose of the present initiative is to allow Lebanon to become a Participating State in PRIMA, whose strategic objective is to build research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and common innovative solutions for agro-food systems, to make them sustainable, and for integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area, to make those systems and that provision and management more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally and socially sustainable, and to contribute to solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream .

1.4.2. Specific objective(s) and ABM/ABB activity(ies) concerned

#### Specific objective No

In view of achieving its objectives, PRIMA will be jointly undertaken by a number of Member States and third countries under the same terms and conditions. In order to ensure that Lebanon participates in PRIMA on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020, an International Agreement with the Union is required to extend the scope of the legal regime established by Decision (EU) 2017/1324 to Lebanon.

ABM: activity-based management; ABB: activity-based budgeting.

As referred to in Article 54(2)(a) or (b) of the Financial Regulation.

#### 1.4.3. Expected result(s) and impact

Specify the effects which the proposal/initiative should have on the beneficiaries/groups targeted.

The present initiative will allow Lebanon to become a Participating State in PRIMA, and thus engaged on an equal footing with Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020. In accordance with the provisions of Decision (EU) 2017/1324, Lebanese legal entities would be automatically eligible to apply for EU funding in projects funded from the EU budget.

#### 1.4.4. Indicators of results and impact

Specify the indicators for monitoring implementation of the proposal/initiative.

The purpose of the present initiative is to allow the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA. The indicators of results and impact of the present initiative are thus strictly linked with those for the PRIMA initiative as a whole, as specified in the corresponding Commission proposal.<sup>9</sup>

## 1.5. Grounds for the proposal/initiative

## 1.5.1. Requirement(s) to be met in the short or long term

Please refer to the Commission proposal for an Article185 TFEU PRIMA initiative mentioned above and to the PRIMA Impact Assessment Report, accompanying this Commission proposal.<sup>10</sup>

## 1.5.2. Added value of EU involvement

Please refer to the Commission proposal for an Article185 TFEU PRIMA initiative mentioned above.

#### 1.5.3. Lessons learned from similar experiences in the past

There are no precedents for this intiative, since PRIMA is the first intiative of its kind to count with participation of third countries not associated to EU Research Framewrok Programme on an equal footing with Member States and thus requiring the conclusion of international agreements with the Union for their participation.

#### 1.5.4. Compatibility and possible synergy with other appropriate instruments

Please refer to the Commission proposal for an Article185 TFEU PRIMA initiative mentioned above.

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<sup>9</sup> COM(2016) 662 final, 18.10.2016

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## 1.6. Duration and financial impact

☑Proposal/initiative of **limited duration** 

- — Proposal/initiative in effect from the date of provisional application of the Agreement and for as long as Decision (EU) 2017/1324 is in force (31/12/2028).
- ☑ Financial impact from the date of provisional application of the Agreement until 31.12.2020 (during this period an arrangement implementing the Agreement is to be set up. After this period, no further activities are envisaged under the Agreement).

☐ Proposal/initiative of **unlimited duration** 

- Implementation with a start-up period from YYYY to YYYY,
- followed by full-scale operation.

## 1.7. Management mode(s) planned<sup>11</sup>

☐ **Direct management** by the Commission

- $-\Box$  by its departments, including by its staff in the Union delegations;
- $-\Box$  by the executive agencies

☐ **Shared management** with the Member States

☑ **Indirect management** by entrusting budget implementation tasks to:

- — □ third countries or the bodies they have designated;
- □ international organisations and their agencies (to be specified);
- — □the EIB and the European Investment Fund;
- □ bodies referred to in Articles 208 and 209 of the Financial Regulation;
- □ public law bodies;
- — ☑ bodies governed by private law with a public service mission to the extent that
  they provide adequate financial guarantees;
- — □ bodies governed by the private law of a Member State that are entrusted with
   the implementation of a public-private partnership and that provide adequate
   financial guarantees;
- — □ persons entrusted with the implementation of specific actions in the CFSP pursuant to Title V of the TEU, and identified in the relevant basic act.
- If more than one management mode is indicated, please provide details in the 'Comments' section.

#### Comments

A new legal entity will be established - dedicated exclusively to the PRIMA implementation. The EU financial contribution to PRIMA will be provided through this structure.

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Details of management modes and references to the Financial Regulation may be found on the BudgWeb site: <a href="http://www.cc.cec/budg/man/budgmanag/budgmanag\_en.html">http://www.cc.cec/budg/man/budgmanag/budgmanag\_en.html</a>

#### 2. MANAGEMENT MEASURES

## 2.1. Monitoring and reporting rules

Specify frequency and conditions.

Please refer to the Commission proposal for an Article185 TFEU PRIMA initiative mentioned in the previous sections.

# 2.2. Management and control system

#### 2.2.1. Risk(s) identified

Please refer to the Commission proposal for an Article185 TFEU PRIMA initiative mentioned in the previous sections.

2.2.2. Information concerning the internal control system set up

Please refer to the Commission proposal for an Article185 TFEU PRIMA initiative mentioned in the previous sections.

2.2.3. Estimate of the costs and benefits of the controls and assessment of the expected level of risk of error

Please refer to the Commission proposal for an Article185 TFEU PRIMA initiative mentioned in the previous sections.

#### 2.3. Measures to prevent fraud and irregularities

Specify existing or envisaged prevention and protection measures.

In order to ensure the protection of Union financial interests, particularly the powers of the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office, the Court of Auditors and the PRIMA Implementation Structure (PRIMA-IS) to carry out audits and investigations in accordance with the applicable Union legislation, the Agreement to be concluded between the EU and Lebanon makes specific reference to the relevant provisions of Decision (EU) 2017/1324 and obliges the Parties to provide all necessary assistance to ensure their implementation. In addition, the future Agreement stipulates that the Parties must agree on detailed arrangements for assistance, such arrangements being essential to their cooperation under this Agreement.

## 3. ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE

# 3.1. Heading(s) of the multiannual financial framework and expenditure budget line(s) affected

• Existing budget lines

In order of multiannual financial framework headings and budget lines.

	Budget line	Type of expenditure	Contribution					
Heading of multiannual financial framework	Heading 1a - Competitiveness for growth and jobs	Diff./Non-diff. <sup>12</sup>	from EFTA countries	from candidate countries <sup>14</sup>	from third countries	within the meaning of Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation		
1a	08.01.05	Non-diff.	YES	YES	NO	NO		

# • New budget lines requested

<u>In order</u> of multiannual financial framework headings and budget lines.

Heading of	Budget line	Type of expenditure		Con	tribution	
multiannual financial framework	Number [Heading	Diff./Non- diff.	from EFTA countries	within the meaning of Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation		
	[XX.YY.YY.YY]		YES/N O	YES/NO	YES/N O	YES/NO

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Diff. = Differentiated appropriations / Non-diff. = Non-differentiated appropriations.

EFTA: European Free Trade Association.

Candidate countries and, where applicable, potential candidate countries from the Western Balkans.

# 3.2. Estimated impact on expenditure

[This section should be filled in using the **spreadsheet on budget data of an administrative nature** (second document in annex to this financial statement) and uploaded to CISNET for interservice consultation purposes.]

# 3.2.1. Summary of estimated impact on expenditure

**EUR** 

Heading of multiannual financial framework	1a	'Competetiveness for growth and jobs'
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DG: <rtd></rtd>			Year <b>2018</b> <sup>15</sup>	Year <b>2019</b>	Year <b>2020</b>	Year <b>2021-2029</b>	TOTAL
Operational appropriations							
Number of hydret line	Commitments	(1)					
Number of budget line	Payments	(2)					
Number of hydret line	Commitments	(1a)					
Number of budget line	Payments	(2a)					
Appropriations of an administrative nature envelope of specific programmes 16	re financed fro	m the					
Number of budget line: 08.010501		(3)	23000	23000	23000		69000
TOTAL appropriations	Commitments	=1+1a +3	23000	23000	23000		69000
for DG RTD	Payments	=2+2a +3	23000	23000	23000		69000

Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts.

Technical and/or administrative assistance and expenditure in support of the implementation of EU programmes and/or actions (former 'BA' lines), indirect research, direct research.

• TOTAL	Commitments	(4)				
• TOTAL operational appropriations	Payments	(5)				
TOTAL appropriations of an admin- financed from the envelope for specific progr	(6)	23000	23000	23000	69000	
TOTAL appropriations	Commitments	=4+ 6	23000	23000	23000	69000
under HEADING <1a> of the multiannual financial framework	Payments	=5+6	23000	23000	23000	69000

# If more than one heading is affected by the proposal / initiative:

• TOTAL analysis and annuaristical	Commitments	(4)				
• TOTAL operational appropriations	Payments	(5)				
• TOTAL appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope for specific programmes		(6)				
TOTAL appropriations	Commitments	=4+ 6				
under HEADINGS 1 to 4 of the multiannual financial framework (Reference amount)	Payments	=5+6				

Heading of multiannual fir framework	Heading of multiannual financial framework			ninistrativ	e expendi	ture'		
								EU
			Year <b>2018</b> <sup>17</sup>	Year <b>2019</b>	Year <b>2020</b>	Year <b>2021-2029</b>	TOTAL	
DG: <rtd></rtd>				l				
Human resources								
• Other administrative expenditure			4600	4600	4600		13800	
TOTAL DG <rtd></rtd>	Appropriations		4600	4600	4600		13800	
						I		
TOTAL appropriations under HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework	(Total commitm Total payments)	nents =	4600	4600	4600		13800	
								EU
			Year <b>2018</b> <sup>18</sup>	Year <b>2019</b>	Year <b>2020</b>	Year <b>2021-2029</b>	TOTAL	
TOTAL appropriations	Commitments		27600	27600	27600		82800	
under HEADINGS 1 to 5								

27600

of the multiannual financial framework

Payments

27600

27600

82800

Year 2018 is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts

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# 3.2.2. Estimated impact on operational appropriations

- ☑ The proposal/initiative does not require the use of operational appropriations
- $-\Box$  The proposal/initiative requires the use of operational appropriations, as explained below:

Commitment appropriations in EUR

Indicate		•	Year <b>N</b>		Year N+1		ear + <b>2</b>	Yea <b>N</b> +		Ente	as many luration o	years	as necess mpact (see	ary to s	how the 1.6)	TC	)TAL	
objectives and outputs									OUTPU	JTS								
û	Type <sup>19</sup>	Avera ge cost	No	Cost	No	Cost	N <sub>O</sub>	Cost	NO	Cost	No	Cost	No	Cost	No	Cost	Total No	Total cost
SPECIFIC OBJE	ECTIVE N	To 1 <sup>20</sup>																
- Output																		
- Output																		
- Output																		
Subtotal for speci	ific objecti	ive No 1																
SPECIFIC OBJ	ECTIVE 1	No 2				I	I				ı					I		
- Output																		
Subtotal for speci	fic objecti	ve No 2																
TOTAL	L COST																	

As described in point 1.4.2. 'Specific objective(s)...'

Outputs are products and services to be supplied (e.g.: number of student exchanges financed, number of km of roads built, etc.).

# 3.2.3. Estimated impact on appropriations of an administrative nature

## 3.2.3.1. Summary

- — □ The proposal/initiative does not require the use of appropriations of an administrative nature
- — 
   ☐ The proposal/initiative requires the use of appropriations of an administrative nature, as explained below:

**EUR** 

Year <b>2018</b> <sup>21</sup>	Year <b>2019</b>	Year <b>2020</b>	Year <b>2021-2029</b>	TOTAL
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HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework					
Human resources					
Other administrative expenditure	4600	4600	4600	4600	13800
Subtotal HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework	4600	4600	4600	4600	13800

Subtotal outside HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework	23000	23000	23000	69000
Other expenditure of an administrative nature				
Human resources	23000	23000	23000	69000
Outside HEADING 5 <sup>22</sup> of the multiannual financial framework				

TOTAL	27600	27600 2	27600	82800
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The appropriations required for human resources and other expenditure of an administrative nature will be met by appropriations from the DG that are already assigned to management of the action and/or have been redeployed within the DG, together if necessary with any additional allocation which may be granted to the managing DG under the annual allocation procedure and in the light of budgetary constraints.

Year 2018 is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts.

Technical and/or administrative assistance and expenditure in support of the implementation of EU programmes and/or actions (former 'BA' lines), indirect research, direct research.

#### 3.2.3.2. Estimated requirements of human resources

- □ The proposal/initiative does not require the use of human resources.
- — ☐ The proposal/initiative requires the use of human resources, as explained below:

Estimate to be expressed in full time equivalent units

		Year <b>2018</b>	Year <b>2019</b>	Year 2020	Year <b>2021-2029</b>
• Establishment plan pos	ts (officials and temporary s	taff)			
XX 01 01 01 (Headquar Representation Offices)	ters and Commission's				
XX 01 01 02 (Delegatio	ns)				
08 01 05 01 (Indirect research)			0.2	0.2	
10 01 05 01 (Direct rese	arch)				
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<b>XX</b> 01 04 <b>yy</b> <sup>24</sup>	- at Headquarters				
	- in Delegations				
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**XX** is the policy area or budget title concerned.

The human resources required will be met by staff from the DG who are already assigned to management of the action and/or have been redeployed within the DG, together if necessary with any additional allocation which may be granted to the managing DG under the annual allocation procedure and in the light of budgetary constraints.

Description of tasks to be carried out:

Officials and temporary staff	Preparation and conclusion of administrative arrangement with Lebanese authorities for assistance regarding protection of EU financial interests, as provided for Article 2 of the Agreement.
External staff	

AC= Contract Staff; AL = Local Staff; END= Seconded National Expert; INT = agency staff; JED= Junior Experts in Delegations.

Sub-ceiling for external staff covered by operational appropriations (former 'BA' lines).

3.2.4. Co	mpatibilit\	with the	current	multiannual	financial	framework
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- — ☐ The proposal/initiative is compatible the current multiannual financial framework.
- ☐ The proposal/initiative will entail reprogramming of the relevant heading in the multiannual financial framework.

Explain what reprogramming is required, specifying the budget lines concerned and the corresponding amounts.

 — □ The proposal/initiative requires application of the flexibility instrument or revision of the multiannual financial framework.

Explain what is required, specifying the headings and budget lines concerned and the corresponding amounts.

## *3.2.5. Third-party contributions*

- ☑ The proposal/initiative does not provide for co-financing by third parties.
- The proposal/initiative provides for the co-financing estimated below:

Appropriations in EUR

	Year <b>N</b>	Year <b>N+1</b>	Year <b>N+2</b>	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)		Total	
Specify the co-financing body								
TOTAL appropriations co-financed								

<b>–</b> 5	The proposal/i	nitiative ha	s no finai	ncial impa	act on reve	enue.		
<b>–</b> C	The proposal	initiative h	as the fol	lowing fir	nancial im	pact:		
	_ 🗆	on own re	esources					
	_ 🗆	on miscel	laneous r	evenue				
							EUR	
	Appropriation	Impact of the proposal/initiative <sup>25</sup>						
Budget revenue line:	s available for the current financial year	Year <b>N</b>	Year <b>N</b> +1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to the duration of the impact (see point		
Article								
	niscellaneous 'assi	_			xpenditure li	ne(s) affected.		

3.3.

**Estimated impact on revenue** 

As regards traditional own resources (customs duties, sugar levies), the amounts indicated must be net amounts, i.e. gross amounts after deduction of 25 % for collection costs.