



European Union



INDICATIVE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018 OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENT 2014 – 2020¹

№	Name of the procedure	Aims of the grant procedure	Type of grant procedure according to Art. 2 of Decree № 162/2016	Preliminary selection of project concepts ²	Total amount of the grant (BGN)	Eligible applicants	Sample eligible activities	Categories eligible costs ³	Maximum % of co-financing	Inception date for procedure opening ⁴	Deadline for project proposal submission ⁵	The procedure/part of the procedure is ⁶		Amount of the project grant (BGN) ⁷	
												State aids ⁸	De minimis ⁹	min	max
Priority axis 1 „Water“															
1	Regional WSS investment project for integrated territory of ViK EOOD Smolyan *	Implementation of regional approach for WSS infrastructure investments financed by the OPE 2014 - 2020	Direct award procedure	no	70 000 000	ViK EOOD Smolyan (WSS Plc. Smolyan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design/construction /rehabilitation/ reconstruction of wastewater treatment facilities, incl. facilities for sludge treatment; - Design/construction /rehabilitation/ reconstruction or replacement of collecting systems and facilities to or from the WWTP in order to provide environmental and cost effective operation of the WSS systems; - Design/construction /rehabilitation/ reconstruction of water supply network and facilities, incl. drinking water treatment plants; - Design/construction of adjoining infrastructure (e.g. power supply, road, water supply), which serves the constructed plants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for construction works; - Costs for tangible assets, incl acquisition of property assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs - including costs for organization and management and for information and communication of the project. 	According to the CBA of the project	First quarter of 2018	Second/Third quarter of 2018	The applicable state aid regime shall be specified – a letter № 03-01-254/27.11.2017 sent from the Ministry of Regional Development to the MF to the EC concerning the	N.A.	N.A.	According to the CBA of the project and the statement for the applicability of the state aid rules

¹ Indicative Annual Work Programme is developed in accordance with Art. 26, Para.1 of Decree № 162 of the Council of Ministers from 2016 laying down detailed rules for provision of grants under the programs funded by the European structural and investment funds for the period 2014-2020.

² It should be filled in with “yes” and “no”.

³ The categories of the eligible costs are indicative.

⁴ If a preliminary selection of project proposals is envisaged, the date of publication of the call should be filled in.

⁵ If a preliminary selection of project proposals is envisaged, the deadline for concept receipt should be filled in.

⁶ It should be filled in with “yes”, “no” or “to be specified”.

⁷ If applicable.

⁸ In compliance with Art.107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

⁹ In compliance with Commission Regulation (EU) № 1407/2013 of 18.12.2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union to de minimis (OB, L 352 from 24.12.2013).

												position of the Republic of Bulgaria for financing with public funds in the water supply and sewerage sector shall not be treated as a state aid within the meaning of Art. 107, par. 1 of the TFEU, and then agreed the Ministry of Finance in compliance with Ordinance 4/22.07.2016 ¹⁰			
2	Construction of WSS infrastructure	Increase of the number of agglomerations in compliance with the requirements of Directive	Direct award procedure	no	1 350 000 000 * the amount depends on the investme	WSS operators with contracts under Art. 198n. para. 1 of the Water Act for the prepared 14 RFS under	- Design/construction /rehabilitation/reconstruction of wastewater treatment plants, incl. facilities for sludge treatment; - Design/construction/ /reconstruction/ rehabilitation	- Costs for construction works; - Costs for tangible assets incl. acquisition of property assets; - Costs for intangible	According to the CBA of the projects and	First/ Second quarter of 2018	Third/ Fourth quarter of 2018	The applicable state aid regime shall be	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance	N.A.	According to the CBA of the projects and the statement for the applicability

¹⁰ The procedure will be launched in line with the position in the mentioned letter.

		91/271/EEC concerning urban waste-water treatment and Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption			nts in the regional feasibility study (RFS)	procedure BG16M1OP002 -1.001 of OPE 2014-2020	or replacement of collecting systems and facilities to or from the WWTP for priority provision of environmental friendly and cost effective operation of the WSS systems; - Design/construction/ /reconstruction/ rehabilitation of drinking water supply networks and facilities, incl. DWTP, tanks and pumping stations; - Design/construction of adjoining infrastructure (e.g. power supply, road, water supply), which serves the constructed plants.	assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs - including costs for organization and management and for information and communication of the project.	the statement for the applicability of the state aid rules			specified – a letter № 03-01-254/27.11.2017 sent from the Ministry of Regional Development to the MF to the EC concerning the position of the Republic of Bulgaria for financing with public funds in the water supply and sewerage sector shall not be treated as a state aid within the meaning of Art. 107, par. 1 of the TFEU, and then agreed the Ministr	e during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	of the state aid rules
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3	Preparation and development of the third RBMPs	Implementation of the necessary activities for development of RBMP 2022-2027	Direct award procedure	no	24 000 000	Water Management Directorate within MoEW in partnership with 4 River Basin Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study of the chemical status of groundwater bodies and assessment of the impact of human activities on them, with the development of a network and a program for control, operational and preventive monitoring of groundwater bodies; - Preparation of analyses; - Conducting surveys; - Development of strategic documents; - Development of assessment tools, incl. models. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs - including costs for organization and management and for information and communication of the project. 	100%	First/ Second quarter of 2018	Second quarter of 2018	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07 .2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07 .2016	N.A.	24 000 000
4	Supporting regional investment planning of WSS sector – second phase	Preparation of regional feasibility studies for the territory of newly consolidated WSS operator. Preparation of WWS infrastructure projects in line with the WSS sector reform.	Direct award procedure	no	23 000 000	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and adoption of regional feasibility studies for the territory of newly consolidated WSS operator; - Consultant services for assistance in the implementation and ensuring the quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Indirect costs - including costs for organization and management and for information and communication and consultant services for assistance in the implementation and ensuring the quality. 	100%	First/ second quarter of 2018	Third quarter of 2018	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07 .2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07 .2016	N.A.	23 000 000
Priority axis 2 „Waste“															
5	Design and construction of installation for cogeneration	Ensuring of additional capacity for recovery of municipal	Direct award procedure	no	The total amount of the grant under the	Sofia municipality in partnership with “Toplofikatsia Sofia” JSC	Design and construction of installation for cogeneration in Sofia with recovery of RDF, incl. the adjoining infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for construction works; - Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible 	The maximum % of co-financi	First quarter of 2018	First/ Second quarter of 2018	According to an analysis of the	no	N.A.	The total amount of the grant

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	in Sofia with recovery of RDF – third phase of the integrated system for municipal waste management of Sofia municipality*	waste with energy production			procedure will be determined based on the project CBA ¹²			assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project.	being determined based on the project CBA and after the analysis of the applicability of the state aid rules performed with an assignment by JASPE RS			applicability of the state aid legislation, performed with an assignment by Jaspers, the State aid from Sofia Municipality to Toplofikacia Sofia EAD will be in the form of public service compensation in accordance with the requirements of Commission Decision of 20 December 2011 on the application of Article 106(2) of the Treaty			will be determined based on the project CBA
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¹² Indicative project budget is 310 000 000 BGN excl. VAT.

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6	Implementation of demonstration/pilot projects for waste management	Forming zero waste society and enhancing public awareness for respecting the waste management hierarchy	Open call for proposals	no	9 779 150	Legal entities, non-profit legal entities, municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities related to the implementation of demonstration/pilot projects for the collection, summary, dissemination and implementation of new, nontraditional successful measures, good practices and/or management approaches in the field of waste management; - Introduction of new technologies and organizing information campaigns aimed at the prevention of waste generation and the formation of zero waste society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for construction works; - Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project. 	Up to 100 %	First/ Second quarter of 2018	Third/Fourth quarter of 2018	No	Yes	N.A.			The maximum grant will be set up to the "de minimis" aid.			
Priority axis 3 „Natura 2000 and biodiversity“																				
7	Improvement of species and habitats conservation status on the territory of Natura 2000 network within national parks, natural	Improvement of species and habitats conservation status on the territory of Natura 2000 network within national parks,	Direct award procedure	no	41 072 430	National parks directorates, natural parks directorates and Regional inspectorates of environment and water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvement of the structure and functions of the forest habitats; - Construction/ rehabilitation/ reconstruction of infrastructure, necessary for restoration of habitats and species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for construction works; - Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; 	100%	First/ Second quarter of 2018	Second/ third quarter of 2018	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance	N.A.			Depending on the activities, include in the projects			

	parks and managed nature reserves*	natural parks and managed nature reserves						- Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project.				4/22.07.2016	4/22.07.2016		
8	Development/update of species action plans	Identifying restoration, maintaining and other conservation measures for Natura 2000 target species for a period of 10 years	Open call for proposals	no	3 912 000	Structures in/at the MoEW/MAFF and non-profit legal entities	Actions for development/update of species action plans – e.g. collecting of the necessary information; conducting public hearings or other forms of stakeholders participation; taking into account recommendations and proposals of the National Biodiversity Council.	- Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project.	Up to 100 %	Second/third quarter of 2018	Third/fourth quarter of 2018	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	N.A.	Depending on the activities, include in the projects
9	Technical assistance for the National Management Body for Natura 2000 Network	Ensuring the operation of the National Management Body for Natura 2000 Network, incl. for the NPAF and NICS	Direct award procedure	no	9 969 564	National Management Body for Natura 2000 Network	- Development of rules, procedures and guidances for the management of Natura 2000 protected areas; - Increasing the planning and programming capacity for Natura 2000 network management by conducting/participating in specialized trainings; - Organizing and conducting a national competition for best projects contributing to Natura 2000; - Purchase of equipment; - Organizing and holding meetings of the Monitoring Committee of NPAF and NICS; - Organizing and holding campaigns for promoting funding opportunities for NATURA 2000 projects.	- Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for staff; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project.	Up to 100 %	After the legislative establishment of the National Management Body for Natura 2000 Network	Up to 3 months after the opening of the procedure	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	N.A.	9 969 564
10	Technical assistance for the Regional Management Bodies for Natura 2000 Network	Ensuring the operation of the Regional Management Bodies for Natura 2000 Network, incl. for the NPAF and NICS	Direct award procedure	no	17 136 646	Regional Management Bodies for Natura 2000 Network	- Development of rules, procedures and guidances for the management of Natura 2000 protected areas; - Carrying out monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the implementation of NPAF and NICS;	- Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for staff; - Costs for fees;	Up to 100 %	After the legislative establishment of the Regional Management Bodies for Natura 2000 Network	Up to 3 months after the opening of the procedure	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance	N.A.	17 136 646

							- Purchase of equipment.	- Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project.				4/22.07.2016	4/22.07.2016		
11	Support for development and management of ecosystems services and assessment of the green infrastructure elements	Ensuring of information for the ecosystems and ecosystems services status	Direct award procedure	no	16 272 608	National Service for Nature Protection Directorate in the MoEW and Executive Forest Agency	- Development/update of methodologies for mapping and evaluation of ecosystems and their services; - Collecting of current available data, mapping of ecosystems and their services, validation and creating database; - Update of Guidance for monitoring of ecosystems and their services status and development; - Elaboration of methodologies for ecosystems services economic value evaluation and development of PES schemes for services provided by NATURA 2000 sites; - Reporting to the EC; - Development of methodologies for mapping and green infrastructure elements evaluation, mapping and assessment.	- Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project.	Up to 100 %	Third/ Fourth quarter of 2018	Second quarter of 2019	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	N.A.	16 272 608

Priority axis 4 „Flood and landslides risk prevention and management“

12	Implementation of studies and assessments for the development of the second Flood Risk Management Plans 2022-2027*	Carrying out preparatory activities, updating of maps, studies, assessments and preparation of the second FRMP for the period 2022 - 2027 in compliance with the Floods Directive and the Strategy for Disaster Protection	Direct award procedure	no	13 200 000	Water Management Directorate in the MoEW with partners Basin Directorates	- Carrying out studies, assessments, analyses and works related to the FRMPs for 2022 - 2027; - Transboundary coordination in the development of Flood Risk Management Plans for 2022-2027 period, incl. updating of the preliminary flood risk assessment and defining the areas with significant potential flood risk and updating of the flood hazard and flood risk maps, development of a program	- Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs - including costs for organization and management and for information and communication of the project.	100 %	First/ second quarter of 2018	Third/ Fourth quarter of 2018	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	N.A.	13 200 000
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							<p>with measures;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating of the flood risk management plans for 2022-2027 period, incl.: <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- Updating of the preliminary flood risk assessment and designation of the Areas with significant potential flood risk; <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- Updating of the flood hazard and flood risk maps; <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- Updating of the flood risk management plans, incl. carrying out public consultations, environmental assessment of the plans; - Development of information system (web based platform) for flood risk management in order to ensure access of the competent authorities, stakeholders and the public; 								
13	Ecosystem-based solutions for flood risk prevention and management	Flood risk management by green infrastructure	Open call for proposals	no	7 000 000	Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities for restoration of floodplains; - Activities for improvement of water retention; - Activities for biological banks fortification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for construction works; - Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs - including costs for organization and management and for information and communication of the project. 	100 %	Second/Third/quarter of 2018	First/Second quarter of 2019	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	N.A.	Depending on the activities included in the projects
14	Second phase of the establishment of a National real time water management	Ensuring the functioning of a national integrated interdepartmental system for optimization of	Direct award procedure	no	24 126 449	Water Management Directorate within MoEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning, design and establishment of a National real time water management system covering 12 river basins; - Securing (planning, design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; 	100 %	First/Second quarter of 2018	Third/Fourth quarter of 2018	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance	N.A.	24 126 449

	system for the territory of the country.	the operational monitoring and water management in the Republic of Bulgaria, incl. in high waters and in periods of drought for 12 main rivers (Ogosta, Vit, Osum, Yantra, Rusenski lom, Provadiyska, Kamchia, Tundzha, Maritza, Arda, Places, Struma)					and equipment) of the components necessary for system's functioning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs, incl. for organization and management, for information and communication of the project. 				e during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	e during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016		
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Priority axis 5 „Improvement of the ambient air quality“

15	Measures for improvement of the ambient air quality	Reduction of the ambient air pollution by decreasing the PM ₁₀ and NO _x quantities	Open call for proposals/ direct award procedure	no	111 348 825	Municipalities with poor air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measures addressing the domestic heating pollution such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • replacement of stationary individual and multi-family domestic combustion installations/boilers on solid fuel; • installation of PM filters on individual domestic combustion installations; • measures for alternative heating, serving residential areas which consist of individual houses and/or small multi-family buildings using solid fuel for heating. - Measures addressing pollution of public transport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measures to reduce emissions from public transport vehicles including reduction of the use of conventional fuel in public transport, replacement of the public transport vehicles exhaust systems (retrofitting); • other supplementary measures identified as appropriate by the beneficiaries to contribute to the achievement of the project objectives. - Measures for compliance of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs for construction works; - Costs for tangible assets; - Costs for intangible assets; - Costs for services; - Costs for fees; - Costs for materials; - Cost for organization and participation in events; - Indirect costs - including costs for organization and management and for information and communication of the project. 	100% or according to the CBA of the project	First/ Second quarter of 2018	Fourth quarter of 2018/ First quarter of 2019	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	To be specified with the Ministry of Finance during the procedures under Ordinance 4/22.07.2016	According to the CBA of the projects	According to the CBA of the projects and the statement for the applicability of the state aid rules
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							the ambient air quality monitoring systems with the legislation requirements, when such needs are justified by the municipal authorities and the competent authorities.										
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* The launch of the procedures has been started according to the IAWP 2017 and is expected to be finalized in the first quarter of 2018.