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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, and in particular Article 58 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the programme it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2015. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>2</sup> establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.
- (3) The use of indirect management is justified as per Art 58 of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013 of 17 December 2013.
- (4) Evidence that the requirements laid down in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of point 2 of Article 60 of the Financial Regulation are fulfilled by the entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of the budget by indirect management has been obtained by the authorising officer by delegation.
- (5) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

- (6) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The work programme*

The annual work programme for the operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in the framework of the European Social Fund for year 2015, as set out in Annexe I, is hereby adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2015 is set at EUR 14.700.000, and shall be financed from the following line of the general budget of the European Union for 2015:

(a) budget line no 04.0263 01: € 14.700.000

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

*Article 3*  
*Management modes used and entrusted entities*

The budget implementation of tasks related to the actions carried out by indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons identified in the Annex.

*Article 4*  
*Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

*Article 5*  
*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Done at Brussels, 1.4.2015

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*