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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the relevant acts¹,

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 and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, and in particular Articles 54(2) 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation and development of internal market policies under the responsibility of the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, financing decision C(2015) 8547 was adopted for the year 2016. This financing decision constitutes and amendment to financing decision C(2015) 8547. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012² establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12). Regulation (EU) No 912/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 setting up the European GNSS Agency, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1321/2004 on the establishment of structures for the management of the European satellite radio navigation programmes and amending Regulation (EC) No 683/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 276, 20.10.2010, p. 11). Regulation (EU) No 1285/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the implementation and exploitation of European satellite navigation systems and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 876/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 683/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council

² 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 (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

- (2) The activity "Internal market for goods and services" uses the appropriations of the budget headings "Operation and development of the internal market, particularly in the fields of notification, certification and sectoral approximation" (020301), "Standardisation and approximation of legislation" (02030201 and 02030202), "European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) — Chemicals legislation" (020303) and "Internal market governance tools" (020304). As part of this activity, the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs must take actions to manage the current acquis for the internal market, improve current legislation in this field and prepare the internal market for new challenges.
- (3) Through budget headings "Pilot project – Female business angels" (02 02 77 18), "Pilot project – Youth on the SPOT – Special partnership on tourism" (02 02 77 23), "Pilot project – Destination Europe brand – Promoting Europe in the tourism sector" (02 02 77 24), "Pilot project – Entrepreneurial capacity building for young migrants" (02 02 77 25), "Pilot project – The reduction of youth unemployment and the setup of co-operatives as a measure to enhance working opportunities in the EU" (02 02 77 27), "Pilot project – The SME instrument enhancing women participation" (02 02 77 28), and "Pilot project – CSDP research" (02 04 77 02), the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship, and SMEs must take actions in particular to improve the functioning of the single market, improve the situation of SMEs and fight unemployment in the EU, and prepare the development of satellite applications in the field of defence.
- (4) Under Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in the case of actions that require a particular type of body, in accordance with Article 54 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, as recipients of a grant.
- (5) 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, Euratom) No 1268/2012,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The annual work programme of the activity 'Internal Market for goods and sectoral policies' for the year 2016 shall be amended as indicated in the Annex, and the programmes of budget "Pilot project – Female business angels", " Pilot project – Entrepreneurial capacity building for young migrants", " Pilot project – The SME instrument enhancing women participation", " Pilot project – Youth on the SPOT – Special partnership on tourism", " Pilot project – The reduction of youth unemployment and the setup of co-operatives as a measure to enhance working opportunities in the EU", " Pilot project – Destination Europe brand – Promoting Europe in the tourism sector" and " Pilot project – CSDP research" shall be adopted.

The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation for actions funded from the appropriations of 2016.

Article 2

This decision constitutes a financing decision for the additional actions in the Annex (Sections 1 and 2) concerning the activity 'Internal market for goods and services' and the pilot projects referred in Article 1.

Article 3

1. The annual work programme for grants within the meaning of Article 188 of the rules of application of the Financial Regulation for the budget lines mentioned above in Article 1, as set out in the Annex, shall be adopted with a total budget allocation of EUR 4 790 000.
2. Action 4.3 referred to in the Annex shall be implemented under a grant without a call for proposals.

Article 4

Interest paid pursuant to Article 111 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, if any, shall be covered by the budget headings of the actions referred to in Article 1 of this Decision.

Article 5

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

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

Done at Brussels, 1.4.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission