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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 of 26 February 2019 supplementing Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the operation of the Innovation Fund¹, and in particular Article 12(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In the framework of the Innovation Fund, in accordance with Commission Decision C(2020) 4352², the first call for large-scale proposals (InnovFund-LSC-2020-Two-Stage) was published on 3 July 2020 with a deadline for the first stage applications of 29 October 2020.
- (2) In response to this call, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ('CINEA') received 311 first stage applications. CINEA evaluated the applications in accordance with Article 200 of the Financial Regulation as well as Article 12 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 and the requirements of the call and drew a list of 70 best-ranked proposals to be invited to submit the full application by 23 June 2020. CINEA received sixty-six full applications for the second stage evaluation.
- (3) Following the second stage evaluation and having regard to the available budget, CINEA drew up a list of seven pre-selected proposals to be invited to grant preparation.
- (4) The Commission consulted the Member States on the list of pre-selected proposals in accordance with Article 21(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856.
- (5) Following the Member State consultation, CINEA started the grant preparation for seven successful proposals. The grant preparation was concluded mid-February 2022 and the verifications on admissibility, eligibility, double funding, operational and financial capacity, non-exclusion were passed successfully in respect of all seven proposals.
- (6) This Decision concerns the successful proposals for which CINEA concluded the grant preparation and which – under Article 12(5) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 – require a Commission award decision.
- (7) Such decisions have been delegated by Commission Decision C(2021) 4677 of 30 June 2021 to the Director General of DG Climate Action of the European Commission.

¹ OJ L 140, 28.5.2019, p. 6.

² Commission Decision C(2020) 4352 of 2 July 2020 on the activities related to the Innovation Fund, serving as a financing decision and as a decision launching the first call for proposals in 2020.

- (8) The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency will be entrusted with the budget implementation.
- (9) The proposals listed in the Annex should therefore be funded,
- HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The proposals listed in the Annex are awarded a grant for the maximum amounts set out in that Annex.

Done at Brussels, 10.3.2022

For the Commission
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