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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics¹, and in particular Article 17 thereof,


Whereas:


(2) In accordance with Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, and in order to ensure implementation of the European statistical programme established by Regulation (EU) No 99/2013, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the annual statistical work programme for 2018. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁵ sets out detailed rules on financing decisions.

(3) Under Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, it is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment.

(4) In order to allow for flexibility in implementing the work programme, it is necessary to define the term ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

(5) Under Article 190(1)(d) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies identified by a basic act as beneficiaries of a grant. As stated in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, the national statistical institutes and other national authorities included in the list referred to in Article 5(2) of that Regulation may receive grants without a call for proposals.

(6) Under Article 190(1)(f) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

(7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The 2018 annual work programme for the implementation of the European statistical programme 2013-2020, as set out in Annexes 1 and 2, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 for actions funded from appropriations of 2018.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2018 is set at EUR 68 078 915, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2018:

(a) budget line 29.0201: EUR 58 475 000;
(b) appropriations corresponding to EFTA contribution: EUR 103 939 3;
(c) appropriations corresponding to Swiss contribution: EUR 856 452 2.

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

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulative changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision for each budgetary line 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 or the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision may not exceed 20%.

In implementing this Decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.
Article 4
Grants
Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in Annex 1, in accordance with the conditions set therein.
Done at Brussels, 19.12.2017

For the Commission
Member of the Commission

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For the Secretary-General,

Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU
Director of the Registry
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