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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 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010¹, and in particular Article 17(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and 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 1605/2002², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020 which provided for support under the Connecting Europe Facility to projects of common interest in the transport sector in the form of grants and for Programme Support Actions³.
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 1966 of 7 April 2016⁴ included new Programme Support Actions to be funded from 2016 appropriations until 2020, amended one Programme Support Action on Corporate Communication and consolidated the budgetary annexes to the Multi-Annual Work Programme. Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 1966 also provided that for the third call for proposals to be launched in 2016, under the Cohesion envelope – Funding Objective 1, costs incurred as of the date of application may be considered eligible until 31 December 2023 in reasonable and duly justified cases.

¹ OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020 for financial assistance in the field of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 1966 of 7 April 2016 amending the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020.

- (3) An indicative amount of EUR 650 000 000 under the general envelope and a spare amount of EUR 849 554 916 under the Cohesion envelope are available to support new priorities and funding objectives of the Multi-Annual Work Programme.
- (4) It is necessary to consolidate three modifications to the Programme Support Actions on 2016 appropriations and to reflect those modifications in the budgetary Annexes. It is also necessary to reflect in the budgetary Annexes the costs of the external evaluation incurred by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency ("the Agency") for the 2014 and 2015 calls for proposals.
- (5) The Multi-Annual Work Programme should be implemented by calls for proposals to be published by the Agency in October 2016 setting out the practical modalities and the schedule for the submission of proposals in accordance with Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- (6) It is therefore necessary to adapt and update Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 to take account of new objectives and priorities for the financial assistance under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector, general and cohesion envelopes, for projects of common interest for an additional total indicative amount of up to EUR 1 499 554 916.
- (7) The objectives and priorities set in the Multi-Annual Work Programme for 2016 calls for proposals are in line with the Union priorities, notably those related to 'Jobs, growth and investment', 'Digital single market' and 'Energy Union and climate'.
- (8) This Implementing Decision should be considered a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"Article 2

Taking into account the final amounts of the grant agreements signed by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency ("the Agency") resulting from the call for proposals of 2015 and the Programme Support Actions provided in previous Decisions, the total amount covered by this Decision shall be up to a maximum of EUR 21 000 308 592.

This Decision shall be a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 for 2014 - 2020 for the following budget lines:

- 06.020101 - Removing bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bridging missing links and improving cross-border sections: EUR 7 464 640 984

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 79 765 579

- 06.020102 - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems: EUR 301 933 968

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 12 070 000

- 06.020103 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability: EUR 2 206 213 604

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 123 966 150

- 06.020104 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Cohesion Fund allocation: EUR 11 027 520 036

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 16 416 970

The total amount shall include recommitted appropriations constituting internal assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 from the TEN-T and Marco Polo Programmes under the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2007-2013, for which the Agency has taken over the legacy, insofar as the general objectives of these past programmes correspond to those of the Connecting Europe Facility – Transport sector, and which shall be added to the amounts available for the calls for proposals to be launched under the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020.

A maximum amount of 0,01% of each budget line and no more than EUR 1 000 000 shall be earmarked for costs of the external experts involved in the evaluation of the proposals in line with Article 204 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Those appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.";

(2) Annexes II, III and IV to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 are replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 7.10.2016

For the Commission

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