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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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 7 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 European Union, and in particular Article 84 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) 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 of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the European Union, and in particular Article 94 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission adopted 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 which provided for support to projects of common interest in the form of grants and for Programme Support Actions.
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 2192 of 8 April 2015 amending the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020 included Programme Support Actions from 2015 appropriations as well as certain modifications to the Programme Support Actions on 2014 appropriations.
- (3) Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5274 of 31 July 2015 establishing the list of proposals selected for receiving Union financial assistance in the field of Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector following the calls for proposals launched on 11 September 2014 and based on the Multi-Annual Work Programme

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

made use of a clause of flexibility of 20% referred to in Article 4 of the Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921.

- (4) Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and the Council of 25 June 2015 amended Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 setting the maximal financial envelope for the implementation of the CEF – Transport sector for the period 2014 to 2020 at EUR 24 050 582 000, of which EUR 11 305 500 000 shall be transferred from the Cohesion Fund to be spent in line with the CEF Regulation exclusively in the Member States eligible for funding from this Fund.
- (5) In view of using recommitted appropriations within the meaning of internal assigned revenue as defined in Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, stemming from the TEN-T and Marco Polo Programmes under the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2007-2013, for which the INEA Agency has taken over the legacy, and adding them to the funding objectives of the CEF, insofar as the general objectives of these programmes are largely pursued by those of the CEF, additional amounts of EUR 3 566 491 in 2014 and EUR 80 348 729 in 2015 are added to the CEF appropriations and shall be used for the calls for proposals 2014-2020.
- (6) Consequently, the budgetary table (annex I, point 5.2) of Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 needs to be updated.
- (7) It is necessary to ensure financial assistance under the CEF for projects of common interest to be selected following calls for proposals in 2015 and possibly in 2016, and for new Programme Support Actions from 2016 appropriations onwards, for an additional amount of up to EUR 7,619,445,000.
- (8) The objectives and priorities in this Multi-Annual Work Programme are in line with the European Union priorities, notably those related to 'Jobs, growth and investment', 'Digital single market' and 'Energy Union and climate'.
- (9) Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 as amended by Decision C(2015) 2192 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) This Commission Implementing Decision should be considered as a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- (11) This Multi-Annual Work Programme will be implemented by calls for proposals to be published by the INEA Executive Agency in November 2015, defining practical modalities and the schedule for submission of proposals as required by Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, as well as by programme support actions to be managed by the Commission.
- (12) 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*

Article 2 of the Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 2192 is replaced by the following:

" The total amount covered by this Decision shall be up to EUR 20,546,302,865.

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

- 06020101 - Removing bottlenecks and bridging missing links: EUR 7,390,496,130
- 06020102 - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport in the long run: EUR 228,626,290
- 06020103 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability, safety and security of transport: EUR 1,700,173,833
- 06020104 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Cohesion Fund allocation: EUR 11,227,006,612

The total amount includes 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 INEA 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 are 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 is 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.

These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment."

#### Article 2

The following Annexes shall be added to Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921:

- Annex I entitled "Annex II referring to objectives and priorities of the CEF - Transport sector to be implemented by calls for proposals in 2015 and 2016 and to the Programme Support Actions funded from 2016 appropriations onwards";
- Annex II entitled "Annex III: Breakdown of annual instalments;
- Annex III entitled "Annex IV: Breakdown of the Programme Support Actions".

Done at Brussels, 30.10.2015

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