



Brussels, 8.2.2017  
C(2017) 696 final

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**

**of 8.2.2017**

**establishing an Annual Work Programme 2017 for financial assistance in the field of  
Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - Telecommunications sector**

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 8.2.2017

### establishing an Annual Work Programme 2017 for financial assistance in the field of Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - Telecommunications sector

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> (hereinafter referred to as "CEF Regulation"), and in particular Article 17(1) thereof,

Having regard to the Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 of 25 October 2012 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as "Financial Regulation"), and in particular Article 84 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the programme Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - Telecommunications sector, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2017.
- (2) Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup> lays down the specific objectives and priorities as well as eligibility criteria for funding envisaged for broadband networks and digital infrastructures.
- (3) This financing decision may also cover the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 92 of the Financial Regulation and 111 (4) of the Rules of Application.
- (4) It is appropriate to define the terms 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application for the application of this decision.
- (5) In accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 25 of the CEF Regulation, the Connecting Europe Facility Committee was consulted and delivered a favourable opinion on the annual work programme for 2017,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The annual work programme for financial assistance to be allocated in 2017 in the field of the Connecting Europe Facility - telecommunications sector, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

---

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

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC, OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14.

It constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2017 is set at EUR 106 811 303 .

This Decision serves as a financing decision for 2017 for the following budget lines:

**09 03 01** Accelerating the deployment of broadband network: EUR 333 000.

**09 03 03** Promoting the interconnection and interoperability of national services of common interest and contributing to a safe, inclusive and positive online environment: EUR 105 968 303.

These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.

#### *Article 3*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to the specific actions, under the budget heading 0903 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Telecommunications networks, not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 8.2.2017

*For the Commission*  
*Andrus ANSIP*  
*Vice-President*