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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to 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 Union<sup>2</sup> and in particular Article 56(1) and Article 62 thereof,

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>3</sup>,

Having regard to 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<sup>4</sup>,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/1953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities<sup>5</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) The “promotion of internet connectivity in local communities” under the Connecting Europe Facility provided by Regulation (EU) 2017/1953 is a key initiative of the Union. In order to implement that initiative in the most efficient way, a specific cost-benefit analysis was carried out in line with Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 with a view to assessing the costs and benefits of the delegation of its management to an executive agency.
- (2) The cost-benefit analysis demonstrated that delegation of “promotion of internet connectivity in local communities” to the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency ('the Agency'), which already manages parts of the Connecting Europe Facility, would contribute to achieving the objectives of that initiative more effectively. Such

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 14.

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 286, 01.11.2017, p. 1.

delegation would *inter alia* deliver cost savings of about EUR 1.4 million over the period 2018-2023, compared to the in-house management, increase efficiency and flexibility in the management of the initiative, provide simplification of procedures, increase proximity to the beneficiaries as well as visibility of Union funding. It is therefore appropriate to delegate the implementation of the initiative to the Agency.

- (3) Given the new tasks to be conferred upon the Agency in the area concerned, Regulation (EU) 2017/1953 which introduced the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities into Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2013 should be added as amendment to the legal basis of Union programmes delegated to the Agency outlined in Decision C(2013)9235.
- (4) It is therefore necessary to amend Annex V of Commission Decision C(2013)9235 to include the budget line relating to the implementation of the “promotion of internet connectivity in local communities”.
- (5) Decision C(2013)9235 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

#### *Amendments to Decision C(2013)9235*

Decision C(2013)9235 is amended as follows:

- (1) The fifth indent of Article 3 (1) is amended as follows:
  - (a) the first sub-indent is replaced by the following:

“Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility as amended by Regulation (EU) 2017/1953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities<sup>6</sup>.”
  - (b) the seventh sub-indent is replaced by the following:

“Regulation (EU) No 283/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks and repealing Decision No 1336/97/EC as amended by Regulation (EU) 2017/1953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities.”
- (2) Article 4(5) is replaced by the following:

“For the purpose of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), the Agency shall be responsible for implementing the corresponding operational appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union. The budget lines concerned for the years 2014 and, as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities, for 2018 are set out in Annex V. For subsequent years they shall be identified annually in the Internal Rules.”
- (3) Annex V is amended as follows:
  - (a) the title is replaced by the following:

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<sup>6</sup> OJ L 286, 01.11.2017, p. 1.

"Budget lines for 2014 and, as regards the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities, for 2018, of which part of the appropriations corresponding to the tasks entrusted to the Agency shall be implemented by the Agency".

- (b) the following budget line is added to the section on "Connecting Europe Facility – telecommunications":

'09 03 04 00: promotion of internet connectivity in local communities.'

*Article 2*

*Date of application*

This Decision shall apply from the date of formal acceptance in writing by the Director of the Agency on behalf of the Agency in accordance with Article 35(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012<sup>7</sup>.

*Article 3*

*Addressee*

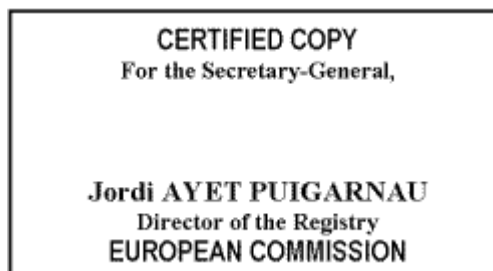
This Decision is addressed to the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency.

Done at Brussels, 27.2.2018

*For the Commission*

*Violeta BULC*

*Member of the Commission*



<sup>7</sup>

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 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 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).