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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[1] (hereafter "CEF Regulation"), 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[2] (hereafter "TEN-T Guidelines"),

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No …/.. of 7 January 2014 amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Connecting Europe Facility,

Having regard to Commission Communication 'Building the Transport Core Network – Core Network Corridors and Connecting Europe Facility'[3],

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

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) n° 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU) n° 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union[4] (hereinafter "Rules of Application"), and in particular Article 94 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 84 of the Financial Regulation and Article 94 of the Rules of Application, the commitment of expenditure from the Union budget shall be preceded by a financing decision setting out the essential elements of the action

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1 OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.
2 OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1.
3 COM(2013) 940 final
4 OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1

involving expenditure and adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution.

(2) In accordance with Article 17 of the CEF Regulation and, for grants, with Article 128 of the Financial Regulation, a multi-annual work programme has to be adopted.

(3) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Multi-Annual Work Programme and for the reasons provided therein.

(4) The 2014-2020 Multi-Annual Work Programme being a sufficiently detailed framework in the meaning of Article 94(2) and (3) of the Rules of Application, this Decision constitutes a financing decision for the expenditure provided in the Multi-Annual Work Programme for financial assistance for year 2014-2020.

(5) Based on the objectives set out in Articles 3 and 4 of the CEF Regulation, the multi-annual work programme for grants in the field of Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - Transport sector for the period 2014-2020 should set out the objectives and priorities addressed with these grants, results expected, essential eligibility criteria, selection and award criteria, the maximum co-financing rate, a schedule for calls for proposals and the indicative amounts available under the respective calls.

(6) In accordance with Article 11 of the CEF Regulation, as regards the amount transferred from the Cohesion Fund (hereafter “Cohesion envelope of the CEF”) specific calls should be launched.

(7) The present 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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 Multi-Annual Work Programme for 2014.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Multi-Annual Work Programme for financial assistance in the field of the Connecting Europe Facility - transport sector for the period 2014-2020 as set out in the Annex is hereby adopted, without prejudice to the annual budgetary procedure.

*Article 2*

The total amount covered by this Decision shall be up to EUR 11,000,000,000.

This Decision shall be a financing decision in the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation for 2014 - 2020 for the following budget lines:

- 06020101 - Removing bottlenecks and bridging missing links: EUR 6,000,000,000

- 06020102 - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport in the long run: EUR 250,000,000

- 06020103 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability, safety and security of transport: EUR 750,000,000

- 06020104 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Cohesion Fund allocation: EUR 4,000,000,000

The detailed breakdown is included in point 5.2 of the Annex.

These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.

*Article 3*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

*Article 4*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to the specific actions, under the same budget line, not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Multi-Annual Work Programme.

This may include the increase of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision up to 20%.

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

Done at Brussels, 26.3.2014

*For the Commission*

*Siim KALLAS*
*Vice-President*