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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)\(^1\), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI Strategy Paper 2007-2013 for Belarus and the Multiannual National Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2011\(^2\), point 6 of which provides for the following priorities: social and economic development (of which energy is a specific target sector) and democratic development and good governance.

(2) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2011, as set out in the attached annex, are to promote sustainable regional development in Belarus.


(4) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.

(5) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006.

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1 OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1
2 C(2010)3058
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

The Annual Action Programme 2011 in favour of Belarus, constituted by the action "Support to regional and local development in Belarus", the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

**Article 2**

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Annual Action Programme is set at EUR 13.07 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

**Article 3**

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the European Union up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 28.11.2011

*For the Commission*
*Štefan Füle*
*Member of the Commission*
ANNEX

Support to regional and local development in Belarus