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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 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 2 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No  $1605/2002^2$ , and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

### Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted a Single Support Framework for the period 2014-2017<sup>3</sup>, providing for the following priorities:
- Reinforcing the rule of law for enhanced accountability and equity in public service delivery;
- Employment and private sector development;
- Renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- (2) The objective pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2014 (part 2) in favour of Jordan, to be financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument<sup>4</sup>, is to reinforce the partnership between the people in Europe and Jordan enabling an increased mobility of Jordanian students who could go and study in the EU.
- (3) The action entitled "Special Window for Jordan in the Capacity Development for Higher Education component of Erasmus+ in 2014" overall objective is to contribute to the development of human resources and the international co-operation capacity of higher education institutions in Jordan by increasing mobility between the European Union and Jordan and to contribute to the employability of young people in Jordan.
- (4) This Decision complies with the conditions laid down in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of

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OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> C(2014) 5130 of 24.7.2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27.

- application of Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>5</sup>.
- (5) The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks to the Education, Audio-Visual and Culture Executive Agency in accordance with Decision 2005/56/EC of the European Commission of 14/01/2005.
- (6) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (7) The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as the 'responsible authorising officer').
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument Committee set up by the basic act referred to in Recital 2.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

## Adoption of the measure

The following Annual Action Programme, constituted by the action identified in the second paragraph and attached as Annex, is approved:

Annual Action Programme 2014 (part 2) in favour of Jordan:

The action constituting this measure is:

– Annex: Special Window for Jordan in the Capacity Development for Higher Education component of Erasmus+ in 2014.

#### Article 2

# **Financial contribution**

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this programme is set at EUR 5 million to be financed from budget line 21 03 20 00 of the general budget of the European Union for 2014.

## Article 3

# **Implementation modalities**

Section 4 of the Annex referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1 sets out the elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

The financial contribution referred to in Article 2 shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

# Article 4

# **Non-substantial changes**

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20 % of the contribution referred to in Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling referred to in this Article.

The responsible authorising officer may adopt these non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 11.9.2014

For the Commission Štefan FÜLE Member of the Commission