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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 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006¹, and in particular Article 58 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 Union², and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 124 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 establishes that the use of lump sums and unit costs should be authorised by a Commission decision ensuring respect for the principle of equal treatment of beneficiaries for the same category of actions or work programmes.

(2) The 2017 annual work programme³ for the operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in the framework of the European Social Fund includes at point 1.2.2 of the Annex a Call for Proposals on a pilot Joint Action Plan which should be reimbursed on the basis of unit costs and lump sums for outputs and/or results.

(3) The use of unit costs and lump sums for a pilot Joint Action Plan is essential with a view to be able to draw lessons from its preparation and implementation and is in line with the Commission's initiative on a Budget Focused on Results (BFOR) as reimbursement is strictly on the basis of outputs and/or results achieved.

(4) The use of unit costs and lump sums reduces the risk of irregularities and the costs of controls as only outputs and results will be verified before reimbursements are made.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 7763 of 2.12.2016 concerning the adoption of the 2017 annual work programme for the operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in the framework of the European Social Fund and in the framework of the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived, serving as financing decision.
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The use of unit costs and lump sums based on outputs and/or results is authorised for the pilot Joint Action Plan in the framework of the 2017 work programme for the European Social Fund operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 20.10.2017

For the Commission
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