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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 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Erasmus+: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC¹, and in particular Article 6, 10, 12 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 Article 124 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 182 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 contains detailed rules regarding unit costs;

(2) Heading 4 financing is allocated in accordance with Article 18 (4) of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013;

(3) The Erasmus+ programme includes a strong international dimension as regards higher education in order to enhance the quality of European higher education in pursuit of the broader objectives of the strategic framework "Education and Training 2020" and the attractiveness of the Union as a study destination, but also to promote the understanding between people and to contribute to the sustainable development of higher education in partner countries,

(4) Mid-term review of simplified grants used in the Erasmus+ programme carried out on the basis of Annex I, section 7 of the Commission Decision C(2013) 8550 indicated further areas of improvement at the methodologies to define adequate support for the beneficiaries;

(5) Amendment to the Decision C(2013) 8550 does not cover the authorising of the use of grants in the form of reimbursement on the basis of unit costs for different international actions which are financed by Heading 4 of the Erasmus+ programme;

(6) Decision C(2014) 6158 should therefore be amended accordingly.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision C(2014) 6158 as amended by the Commission Decision C(2016) 5753 is amended as follows:

1. In Annex II, to this Decision, point 1.3.4 is added by the following:

1.3.4 Update of the methodologies to apply the unit costs:

In order to ensure the coherent approach in the funding rules across the Erasmus+ Programme’s actions, the methodology to update the level of the financial support is defined in the Commission Decision C(2013) 8550 with its amendments, in annex II (section 5), annex III (chapter 3b, point e) and annex IV (chapter 4a, point e).

Done at Brussels, 17.10.2017

For the Commission
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