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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2008/376/EC of 29 April 2008 on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme¹, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 33 thereof,


Whereas:


(3) Taking into account that the vast majority of RFCS beneficiaries are also Horizon 2020 beneficiaries and that the nature of the actions supported by those research programmes is similar, it is appropriate to authorise also under RFCS the use of unit cost to ease the participation of small and medium-sized enterprises.

(4) The use of unit costs should therefore be authorised for personnel costs of owners of beneficiaries that are small and medium-sized enterprises (‘SME owners’) and beneficiaries that are natural persons not receiving a salary, in order to ensure an adequate participation of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in RFCS,

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The use of grants reimbursing eligible personnel costs declared by the beneficiaries on the basis of unit costs is authorised for the reimbursement of the direct personnel costs of owners of small and medium sized enterprises who are working on the action and who do not receive a salary and for beneficiaries that are natural persons not receiving a salary in actions under the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel, for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 15.3.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission