Decision authorising the use of lump sums, unit costs and flat-rate financing for the volunteering, traineeships, jobs and solidarity projects actions under the European Solidarity Corps
Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,


Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 181(3) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1046/2018, the use of lump sums, unit costs or flat-rate financing should be authorised by a decision of the authorising officer responsible, acting in accordance with the internal rules of the Union institution concerned.

(2) In accordance with Article 181(4) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1046/2018, this authorisation should contain a justification concerning the appropriateness of such forms of financing with regard to the nature of the supported actions or work programmes, as well as to the risks of irregularities and fraud and costs of control, an identification of the costs or categories of costs covered by lump sums, unit costs or flat-rate financing, which shall be considered eligible in accordance with points (c), (e) and (f) of Article 186(3) and Article 186(4), and which shall exclude ineligible costs under the applicable Union rules, a description of the methods for determining lump sums, unit costs or flat-rate financing, where possible, the essential conditions triggering the payment and a justification on why an output based and/or result based approach is not possible or appropriate.

(3) In order to simplify the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps it is necessary to authorise the use of lump sums, unit costs and flat-rate financing under European Solidarity Corps for the following types of actions: volunteering, traineeships, jobs and solidarity projects. The use of simplified forms of grants in the European Solidarity Corps should considerably simplify the calculation of the grant amounts compared to the output based and/or result based approach, leading to a significant decrease of the workload and to an accelerated payment procedure for European Solidarity Corps beneficiaries,

THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN DECIDED:

Sole article

The use of the Union contribution in the form of lump sum contribution, unit contribution and flat-rate contribution is authorised for the volunteering, traineeship, jobs and solidarity projects actions under the European Solidarity Corps, for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

This Decision is subject to the final adoption of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, (EU) No 1293/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) 1305/2013,

\[1\] COM(2017) 262 final.

\[2\] OJ L 193, 30.07.2018, p.1
(EU) No 1306/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU by the legislative authority without significant changes.

This Decision shall apply to the 2018 appropriations under the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) to be allocated to technical assistance in the framework of ESF and EAFRD related with the volunteering, traineeships, jobs and solidarity projects of the European Solidarity Corps subject to the adoption of the related annual work programmes covering those appropriations.

Done at Brussels,

Authorising Officer signature

Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU