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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

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, and in particular Articles 54(2)(b) and 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the preparatory action "Towards a common regional identity, reconciliation of nations and economic and social cooperation including a Pan-European Expertise and Excellence Platform in the Danube macro-region", it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2015. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012¹ establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The authorising officer responsible should be able to award grants without a call for proposals provided that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 are fulfilled. Grants without a call for proposals will be awarded to the Governments of Slovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria and to the State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg.
- (3) In accordance with Article 54(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, appropriations for preparatory actions in the field of application of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Euratom Treaty, designed to prepare proposals with a view to the adoption of future actions, may be implemented without a basic act provided the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the competences of the Union.
- (4) It is necessary to allow the payment of 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.
- (5) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94 (4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for 2015 for the implementation of the preparatory action "Towards a common regional identity, reconciliation of nations and economic and social cooperation, including a Pan-European Expertise and Excellence Platform in the Danube macro-region" ("work programme"), as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2015 is set at EUR 2 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 13 03 77 12 of the general budget of the Union for 2015.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme.

In implementing this Decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the pre-identified designated bodies.

Done at Brussels, 17.12.2015

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission