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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013¹ 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 1083/2006, and in particular Article 58(2) 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 Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation')², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of Technical Assistance "Macro regional strategies 2014-2020: European strategy for the Danube region" to be financed under budget line 13 03 68 and implementation of the Preparatory action entitled "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" to be financed under budget line 13 03 77 12 it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and work programme for 2014. Article 84 of the Financial Regulation and Article 94(1) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012³, establish detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) In accordance with Article 54(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation, appropriations for preparatory actions in the fields 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

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p 320 – 469.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

³ 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).

actions which they are intended to finance fall within the powers of the European Union.

- (3) In the budget of the European Union for 2014, the budgetary authority has allocated EUR 2 500 000 to the Technical Assistance "Macro regional strategies 2014-2020: European strategy for the Danube region" under budget line 13 03 68 and EUR 1 800 000 to 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" under budget line 13 03 77 12.
- (4) It is necessary to allow the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (5) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.
- (6) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94 (4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The 2014 annual work programme for the implementation of the Technical Assistance entitled "Macro regional strategies 2014-2020: European strategy for the Danube region" and 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", as set out in Annexes I and II respectively, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2014 is set at EUR 4 300 000 and shall be financed from the following lines of the General Budget of the European Union for 2014:

- budget line 13 03 68: EUR 2 500 000 (Annex I);
- budget line 13 03 77 12: EUR 1 800 000 (Annex II).

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

Article 3
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in the Annexes in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Article 4
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.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 25.11.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission