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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 1303/2013 of 17 December 2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006¹, and in particular Article 58 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 84(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application³ 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 and in particular Article 94 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the work programme for 2014 in the framework of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund for the use of technical assistance, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2014. Article 94 of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.
- (3) The use of indirect management is justified as per Article 58 Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (4) Evidence that the requirements laid down in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of point 2 of Article 60 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 are fulfilled by the entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of the budget by indirect management has been obtained by the authorising officer by delegation.
- (5) This Decision should allow for 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 Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

- (6) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of the work programme for the 2014 technical assistance in the framework of ERDF and Cohesion Fund, as set out in the Annex I (ERDF) and Annex II (Cohesion Fund), is adopted. The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 for actions funded from appropriations of the 2014 budget.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2014 is set at EUR 86 022 800, and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2014:

- (a) budget line 13 03 65 01 (ERDF): EUR 63 775 560,
(b) budget line 13 04 61 01 (Cohesion Fund): EUR 22 247 240.

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

Article 3
Indirect management mode and entrusted entities

The budget implementation of tasks related to the actions carried out by indirect management as of 2014 budget, as set out in the Annexes, may be entrusted to the entities or persons identified in the Annexes I and II.

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 Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 7,08%.

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.

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annexes I and II, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Done at Brussels, 11.2.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission