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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(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 Union², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the work programme for 2015 in the framework of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund (CF) for the use of technical assistance, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2015. Article 84 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 (hereinafter Financial Regulation) and Article 94(1) of the Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of the Financial Regulation³, establish 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) 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.
- (4) 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,

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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of technical assistance in the framework of ERDF and Cohesion Fund for 2015, as set out in the Annex I (ERDF) and Annex II (Cohesion Fund), 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 2015 is set at EUR 82 020 000, and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2015:

- (a) budget line 13 03 65 01 (ERDF): EUR 62 878 500
- (b) budget line 13 04 61 01 (Cohesion Fund): EUR 20 041 500

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 identified in the Annexes I and II, 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 increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 15,77%.

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, 10.2.2015

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission