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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 Union¹ and in particular Article 54(2)(a) and 84(2) (hereinafter "the Financial Regulation") thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the Pilot Project "Cohesion Policy and the synergies with the research and development funds: the stairway to excellence" under budget line 13 03 77 13, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2015. Article 94(1) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012² (hereinafter "the Rules of Application") establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) 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 the Rules of Application.
- (3) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 *Work programme*

The work programme for the implementation of the Pilot Project "Cohesion Policy and the synergies with the research and development funds: the stairway to excellence" for 2015, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

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

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

² 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.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the Pilot Project is set at EUR 300 000 to be financed from the budget line 13 03 77 13 of the general budget of the European 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 of the allocations to the specific actions covered by the work programme 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 the Rules of Application, 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 20%.

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

Done at Brussels, 2.6.2015

For the Commission
Corina CREȚU
Member of the Commission