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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, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries 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 Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 17, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 4239, the work programme for 2016 in the framework of ERDF and Cohesion Fund for the use of technical assistance, serving as financing decision, was adopted.
- (2) Following the mid- term assessment of the work programme for 2016 new actions are introduced. In particular, grants to be awarded without call for proposals to bodies identified in the work programme and for the following actions: a) Regional business indicators – Croatia to be carried out by the World Bank b) Promotion of Cultural Routes through Macro-regional approach to be undertaken by the Council of Europe c) Accessibility's impact on regional and urban economic development carried out by OECD. Two administrative agreements will also be concluded with JRC in relation to: a) System of Regional Models for Impact Assessment of EU Cohesion Policy and b) Defining cities and human settlements. The indicative needed funds for the financing of the aforementioned new actions amount to EUR 4 605 000.
- (3) The indicative budget for "Improved regionalisation and timeliness of SILC (2016-2017)" action has been reduced to EUR 2 400 000.
- (4) The global financial envelope designated for the procurement procedures and the call for expressions of interest list is revised.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2016) 17 should therefore be amended accordingly.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2016) 17 is amended as follows:

1. The first paragraph of Article 2 is replaced by the following:
"The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2016 is set at EUR 92 512 600 and shall be financed from the following lines of the General Budget of the European Union for 2016:
 - (a) budget line 13 03 65 01 (ERDF): EUR 70 953 460;
 - (b) budget line 13 04 61 01 (CF): EUR 21 559 140.";
2. The first paragraph of Article 3 is replaced by the following:
"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 the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 5,78%.";
3. Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision;
4. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 16.11.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission