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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) N° 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) N°1605/2002¹, and in particular Articles 54(2)(b) and 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the preparatory action "Cohesion policy and synergies with the research and development funds: stairway to excellence-the way forward" it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and a work programme for 2016. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012² establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) Under Article 54(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, appropriations for preparatory action in the fields of application of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), designed to prepare proposals with a view to the adoption of future actions, may be implemented without a basic act.
- (3) It is necessary to 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 Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, 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 annual work programme for the implementation of the preparatory action "Cohesion policy and synergies with the research and development funds: stairway to excellence-the way forward" for 2016, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

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

The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2016 is set at EUR 1 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 13 03 77 18 of the general budget of the Union for 2016.

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

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocation 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.

In implementing this decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 23.11.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission