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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 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 8(1) 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 1605/2002<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “the Financial Regulation”), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development to be supported by the European Regional Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as “Urban Innovative Actions”) it is necessary to adopt a financing decision for 2016. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012<sup>3</sup> establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 92(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 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 1083/2006<sup>4</sup>, indirect management may be used to implement Urban Innovative Actions. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 522/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the detailed rules concerning the principles for the selection and management of innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development to be supported by the European Regional Development Fund<sup>5</sup> contains detailed rules concerning the principles for the selection of innovative actions to be supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), which require, amongst others, that in addition to the requirements laid down in Article 60(1) of the Financial Regulation, the

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.289

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p.1

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.320

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 148, 20.05.2014, p.1

entrusted entity has a demonstrated track record in managing Union funds in several Member States.

- (3) The authorising officer by delegation has obtained evidence that the entity entrusted with the implementation of the budget by indirect management is fulfilling the requirements laid down in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 of Article 60 of the Financial Regulation and in the first subparagraph of Article 1(1) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 522/2014.
- (4) 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 Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the Urban Innovative Actions for 2016 is set at EUR 52 049 523 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union for 2016:

(a) budget line 13 03 66: EUR 52 049 523.

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

*Article 2*  
*Methods of implementation and entrusted entities*

The budget implementation of tasks related to the Urban Innovative Actions carried out by way of indirect management may be entrusted to the Nord-Pas de Calais region in France.

Done at Brussels, 4.4.2016

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*