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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 Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, and in particular Articles 54(2)(b) and 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In order to ensure the implementation of the preparatory action "Macro-regional strategy 2014-2020: EU strategy for the Alpine Region", it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and a work programme for 2017. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

(2) In accordance with Article 54(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, appropriations for preparatory actions and pilot projects 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 provided the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the competences of the Union.

(3) The authorising officer responsible should be able to award grants without a call for proposals provided that the conditions for an exception to a call for proposals in accordance with Article 190 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 are fulfilled. A grant without a call for proposals will be awarded to the Land of Salzburg, as the managing authority of the Alpine Space transnational programme and appointed by the Executive Board of the EUSALP to implement the Strategy.

(4) 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,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for 2017 for the implementation of the preparatory action "Macro-regional strategy 2014-2020: EU strategy for the Alpine Region", as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The annual 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 the year 2017 is set at EUR 2 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 13 03 77 12 of the general budget of the Union for 2017.

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 pre-identified designated bodies referred to in point 2 of the Annex, in accordance with the conditions set out therein.

Done at Brussels, 12.9.2017

For the Commission
Corina Crețu
Member of the Commission