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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) In order to ensure the implementation of the work programme for 2018 in the framework of the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the Cohesion Fund for the use of technical assistance, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2018. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012³ establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies and under the conditions provided in this Decision and its Annex.
- (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,

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.320.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ 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).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The annual work programme for the implementation of the technical assistance in the framework of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund for 2018, 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 2018 is set at EUR 98 305 765, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2018:

(a) budget line 13 03 65 01: EUR 73 997 979;

(b) budget line 13 04 61 01: EUR 24 307 786;

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2018, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

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.

In implementing this Decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4

Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in point 3.1 of the Annex, in accordance with the conditions set out therein.

Done at Brussels, 14.2.2018

For the Commission

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