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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 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 1083/2006¹, 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(2018) 763³, the work programme for 2018 in the framework of the European Regional Development Fund and the 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 2018, new actions are to be introduced. In particular, grants are to be awarded without calls for proposals to bodies identified in the work programme for the following actions: (a) to UN Statistical Division for UN Statistical expert meeting on city definition; (b) to UN Habitat for Regional meetings on city definition; (c) to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for City definition in Russia and central Asia; (d) to World Bank for Sub-national doing business indicators; (e) to the World Bank for Expert support with regard to simplify the government processes and increase the absorption capacity of the Union funds; (f) to the OECD for a Study on Rural Broadband. One call for proposals has been launched for a Pilot action for regions in industrial transition. Two new administrative agreements should be concluded with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in relation to (a) smart specialisation in the Eastern Partnership countries and (b) transport analysis at the regional and local level. The

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 763 of 14 February 2018 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2018 in the framework of the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund for the use of technical assistance, serving as financing decision, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 2610 of 3 May 2018.

indicative necessary funds for the financing of the new actions amount to EUR 7 227 000.

- (3) The scope and indicative budget for the following actions have been revised: (a) for the action "Economic Magazine – Real Economy" the scope of the grant has been broadened and the indicative budget has been increased to EUR 264 517; (b) the scope of the action "Regional enterprise survey in 10 EU MS" has been narrowed down and the indicative budget has been reduced to EUR 3 830 865; (c) the beneficiary of the action "Homologues Group Meeting 2018" has been specified: a direct grant will be awarded to the Audit of EU Funds Executive Agency (AEUFEA), a public body under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Bulgaria and (d) for "Lagging regions III in Poland" the scope has been broadened and the indicative budget has been increased to EUR 1 750 000.
- (4) The global financial envelope designated for the grants, the procurement procedures, the administrative agreements and the call for expressions of interest list should be revised.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2018) 763 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2018) 763 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 2, the first paragraph is replaced by the following:

"The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2018 is set at EUR 98 825 413 and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2018:

 - (a) budget line 13 03 65 01 (ERDF): EUR 74 187 627;
 - (b) budget line 13 04 61 01 (CF): EUR 24 637 786;"
- (2) the Annex is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 27.7.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission