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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) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

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 1080/2006², and in particular Article 8(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of Urban Innovative Actions, it is necessary to adopt a multi-annual financing decision for the years 2019 and 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) In order to provide urban areas with resources to test new and unproven solutions to address urban challenges, innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development ('Urban Innovative Actions') are being developed. They are supported by the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') with a total budget of EUR 372 million for 2014-2020. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 522/2014³ provides a specific legal framework for the implementation of the budget under indirect management for the Urban Innovative Actions; therefore, budget-implementation tasks are entrusted to the Hauts-de-France region in France under indirect management for the implementation of the programme.
- (4) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 289.

³ 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 (OJ L 148, 20.5.2014, p. 1).

their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation⁴ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulation before a contribution agreement can be signed.

- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Union contribution

1. The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the Urban Innovative Actions is set at EUR 55 235 371 for 2019 and EUR 56 340 079 for 2020, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2019 and 2020:
 - (a) budget line 13 03 66: EUR 55 235 371 for 2019;
 - (b) budget line 13 03 66: EUR 56 340 079 for 2020;
2. The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.
3. The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2020, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 2
Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

The budget implementation tasks related to the Urban Innovative Actions implemented by way of indirect management as regards the 2019 and 2020 budgets shall be entrusted to the Hauts-de-France region in France, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 1 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme.

⁴ Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

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.

Done at Brussels, 25.7.2019

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

