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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 49(6)(a) and 75(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (hereinafter referred to as the 'Implementing Rules')<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 90 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 49(6)(a) of the Financial Regulation, appropriations for pilot schemes of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness may be implemented without a basic act provided the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the powers of the European Union.
- (2) In the budget of the European Union for 2011, the budgetary authority has allocated EUR 500 000 to the pilot project "Suburbs sustainable regeneration", under budget line 13 03 26.
- (3) The objective pursued by the pilot project "Suburbs sustainable regeneration", is to assess ways of promoting social integration in deprived areas of European cities through the housing policy. The assessment will cover in particular sustainability and energy efficiency of physical upgrading of the built urban environment, eg. demolition and reconstruction of obsolete and deteriorated buildings, the introduction of innovative and advanced safety construction criteria engineering quality, and promoting energy efficiency in existing buildings.
- (4) In accordance with Article 75 of the Financial Regulation and Article 90(1) of the Implementing Rules, the commitment of expenditure from the budget of the European

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

Union shall be preceded by a financing decision setting out the essential elements of the action involving expenditure and adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution.

- (5) The 2011 work programme being a sufficiently detailed framework in the meaning of Article 90(3)(b) of the Implementing Rules, the present decision constitutes a financing decision for the expenditure provided for in the work programme for procurement.
- (6) This financing decision may also cover the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of the Implementing Rules,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The pilot project "Suburbs sustainable regeneration", as set out in the Annex, is hereby approved for financing from the Union budget.

*Article 2*

The maximum contribution authorised by this Decision for the implementation of the pilot project is set at EUR 500 000, to be financed from budget line 13 03 26 of the General Budget of the European Union for 2011.

The appropriations covered by the work programme may be used to pay interest due for late payment.

Done at Brussels, [...]

*For the Commission*  
*Johannes Hahn*  
*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX

### **1. PILOT PROJECT: SUBURBS SUSTAINABLE REGENERATION ACTION**

#### **1.1. Introduction**

*1.1.1. Budget line: 13 03 26*

*1.1.2. Basic Act NA*

*1.1.3 Policy context*

The principles of integrated, sustainable urban development as defined in 2007 Leipzig Charter are shared by all EU Member States. In 2010 Toledo Declaration the EU Ministers of Housing and Urban Development underlined importance of integrated urban regeneration for a smarter, more sustainable and socially inclusive urban development, drawing attention to the role of the built environment.

EU is also supporting this approach with its cohesion policy which provides financial support for projects involving investment addressing economic, social and environmental problems faced by cities. Under specific circumstances EU cohesion policy can support investment in housing.

*1.1.4. General objectives of the pilot project:*

The objective of this pilot project is to examine promotion of social integration in deprived areas of European cities through urban regeneration, especially housing interventions, supported by European cohesion policy.

The project will be implemented through the financing of a study focused on integrated and sustainable regeneration, in line with Toledo Declaration, in highly populated deprived areas with a strong need of regeneration interventions in built environment. Within selected operational programmes financed by the European Regional Development Fund specific regeneration actions will be identified for detailed analysis.

#### **1.2. Actions /Type of financial intervention**

*1.2.1 SINGLE ACTION: Public procurement for a Comprehensive Study on Suburbs Sustainable Regeneration*

The study will be a review of existing practices in selected regeneration actions, especially housing interventions, in several EU Member States (desk research, literature review, case studies). The study will draw conclusions and recommendations for urban regeneration projects. The action will envisage the possibility to transmit the results of the analysis at a larger scale.

The assessment for each selected case study will focus in particular on sustainability, energy efficiency and quality of physical upgrading of the built urban environment, selection of the most effective mix of financial tools, involvement of residents, affordability of the chosen housing solutions from the social integration point of

view, and potential alternative solutions. Existing monitoring tools to follow the implementation of the projects and evaluation models to ensure effective achievement of the objectives may also be covered.

### **1.3. Total indicative budget: 500.000 EUR**

### **1.4. Indicative calendar for procurement procedures**

The financing of the action will be covered by commitment appropriations for 2011, for which 500.000 EUR is available. The procurement procedure will start in the first semester of 2011 and the direct contract is expected to be signed before end 2011.