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## **amending Implementing Decision C(2021) 2359 on the financing of the use of technical assistance in the framework of the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2021**

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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 35 thereof,

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 1083/2006<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Articles 58(2) and 92a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 2359, the work programme for 2021 in the framework of the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the Cohesion Fund for the use of technical assistance was adopted.
- (2) Following the mid-term assessment of the work programme for 2021, new actions should be introduced, in particular, four grants to be awarded without a call for proposals and one new action to be implemented by the OECD under indirect management, as detailed and justified in the Annex that forms an integral part of this Decision.
- (3) Following the mid-term assessment of the work programme for 2021, several actions should be amended: the title and the beneficiary of the "Homologues Group Meeting"

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

should be updated, following the rescheduling of the event due to COVID-19 related issues; the implementation mode for the "Seed funding for targeted mainstreaming of Integrity Pacts" should be changed from grant to procurement to accommodate a shift in the focus of the action towards technical and administrative support; the notion "contribution to media pluralism" should be added to the titles of the "call for partnership for media" and to "EU and cohesion policy course for journalism schools".

- (4) The global financial envelopes designated for the grants, procurement procedures, actions under indirect management, the expert contracts under the call for expressions of interest list 2018-OJ S 066-146033 of 5 April 2018 and the administrative agreements with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) should be revised.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2021) 2359 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Implementing Decision C(2021) 2359 is amended as follows:

1. The first paragraph of Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the technical assistance for the year 2021 is set at EUR 208 968 352, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following budget lines of the general budget of the Union:

  - (a) 05 02 02 00 (ERDF): EUR 96 572 906;
  - (b) 05 03 02 00 (Cohesion Fund): EUR 14 896 963;
  - (c) 05 02 05 02-NGEU (REACT-EU): EUR 97 498 483.";
2. The Annex to Implementing Decision C(2021) 2359 is amended as set out in the Annex that forms an integral part of this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 16.9.2021

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*