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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 Articles 58(2)(a) and 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the pilot project “Transatlantic cooperation scheme delivering the Green Deal locally”, as defined in the Definitive Adoption (EU, Euratom) 2022/182 of the European Union’s general budget for the financial year 2022² it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2022. In that respect, Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (“the Financial Regulation”) establishes detailed rules on the financing decisions to adopt.
- (2) The envisaged assistance should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (4) Under Article 58(2)(a) of the Financial Regulation, appropriations for pilot projects 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 competence of the Union. This pilot project is aimed at encouraging the green and blue recovery in the Atlantic⁴ by creating a precursor of a cooperation scheme at transatlantic level to foster exchanges of best practices and joint projects on the green recovery of maritime sectors important to Atlantic coastal regions, including outermost regions and non-EU regions and accordingly falls within the Union competences.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 45, 24.2.2022, p.1366

³ www.sanctionsmap.eu Note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy the OJ prevails.

⁴ [Members & Map – CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission \(cpmr-atlantic.org\)](http://Members & Map – CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission (cpmr-atlantic.org))

- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interests due for late payment in accordance with Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation should payments not be made within the deadlines as set out in Article 116(1) of the Financial Regulation.
- (6) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes, which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the pilot project “Transatlantic cooperation scheme delivering the Green Deal locally” for 2022, as set out in the Annex, is herewith adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2022 is set at EUR 790 500, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line PP 05 22 01 of the general budget of the Union.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph shall also include interest due for late payment in accordance with Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

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 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible is empowered to apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management, non-discrimination and proportionality.

Article 4
Adjustment clause

The maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 shall be adjusted to the amount of appropriations decided by the budget authority in the general budget of the Union for year 2022 if the change does not exceed 20%.

Article 5

Grants

Grants shall be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 13.12.2022

For the Commission

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