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ANNEX

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to the

COMMISSION DECISION

amending Commission Decision C(2022) 9168 on the financing of the pilot project
"Transatlantic cooperation scheme delivering the Green Deal locally" and the adoption
of the work programme for 2022

Amendment to the work programme for 2022 for the implementation of the pilot project "Transatlantic cooperation scheme delivering the Green Deal locally"

The Annex to Commission Decision C(2022) 9168 is amended as follows:

In section *2.1 To encourage the green and blue recovery in the Atlantic*, subsection *Type of applicants targeted by the direct award* is replaced by the following:

The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) is an independent network of over 150 Europeans regions from both within and outside the European Union representing peripheral maritime regions. This network, based in Brussels, operates to bring all these regions together for discussion and debate on many subjects, around the three aims/interests of the organisation: (1) to minimise the disadvantages encountered by Europe's peripheral locations, (2) to promote Europe's maritime dimension, and (3) to exploit the benefits of being close to European citizens at regional level. The CPRM ensures, as well, that these interests are acknowledged at a European level.

The CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission that represents 14 Atlantic regions in five Atlantic States[1], will act as the lead partner of this pilot project, as a network of Atlantic Regional administrations with transatlantic contacts. The network partners of CPMR will bring an important added-value to this project's implementation due to their degree of specialisation in the context of Atlantic and Transatlantic cooperation.

Partner Forum Oceano is a Portuguese cluster with existing connections with other Atlantic clusters through the Blue Tech Cluster Alliance, which includes clusters such as Pole Mer Bretagne Atlantique (France), Maritime Institute (Ireland), Plocan (Spain). It has specific leadership and technical competences on identification of Blue SMEs that require support for internationalisation and on organising capacity building training for them. Using these competences, the Forum would contribute to all activities of the pilot project, bridging with the community of Atlantic Blue SMEs.

Partner CEIMAR is an international campus of the sea, gathering universities of Andalucía Region (Spain), Algarve and Alentejo (Portugal). They have established contacts at international levels with other universities interested in the sea-related competences. CEIMAR would contribute to all activities of the pilot project, bridging with the community of Atlantic Universities. It will bring the university competences and administrative power on gathering and identifying Atlantic universities that are delivering "Blue" curricula and are wishing to gain more international partnerships with other non-EU universities.

Partner Quebec Region is an associated member of CPMR. Bringing Quebec Region into the pilot project means connecting CPMR member regions on both sides of the Atlantic to share practices, expertise, knowledge and support decentralised cooperation actions. It will bring the necessary expertise to the action in order to allow EU partners to internationalise their activities and create more partnerships abroad.

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[1] Northern and Western Regional Assembly (Ireland), Wales (UK), Bretagne, Pays de la Loire, Nouvelle Aquitaine (France), Navarra, Euskadi, Cantabria, Asturias, Galicia, Andalucia (Spain), CCDR Norte, CCDR Alentejo, CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo (Portugal)

Therefore, the grant will be awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of point (f) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation, i.e. awarded for activities with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, on condition that the activities concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.