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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) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union[1] ('the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Articles 58(2) and 110(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In order to ensure the implementation of the pilot project "Establishment of cross-border coordination points to facilitate cross-border solutions to administrative and legal barriers", as defined in the Definitive Adoption (EU, Euratom) 2025/31 of the European Union's annual budget for the financial year 2025[2], it is necessary to adopt an annual financial decision, which is to constitute the annual work programme for 2025 in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('the Financial Regulation').

(2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures[3] adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

(3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.

(4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to determine the changes, which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.

(5) The activities should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication 'The European Green Deal'[4] and the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on

[1] Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj).

[2] OJ L, 27.2.2025, p. 328

[3] See 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 the case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails.

[4] COM(2019) 640 final, 11 December 2019.

new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources[5].

(6) It is necessary to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants in accordance with Article 198, first subparagraph, point (f), of the Financial Regulation.

(7) Under Article 58(2), point (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. In December 2024, Council and Parliament reached an agreement on a Regulation for the new "Border Regions' Instrument for Development and Growth in the EU – BRIDGEforEU", which is expected to be adopted in 2025. The Regulation will enable Member States to establish "Cross-Border Coordination Points" ('CBCP'), which are intended to help overcome legal and administrative obstacles to cross-border interactions as identified by stakeholders in these regions. The pilot project aims to assist Member States in setting up CBCP to strengthen the delivery of this new type of joint service to initiators. In turn, this would foster cross-border understanding and enhance cooperation to eliminate cross-border obstacles. It will also support better connection to and synergies between the implementation of the BRIDGEforEU Regulation and the Interreg programmes and projects, building their capacities under the Interreg specific objective "Better Cooperation Governance",

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 "Establishment of cross-border coordination points to facilitate cross-border solutions to administrative and legal barriers" for 2025, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2025 is set at EUR 4 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line E.05200100.P052501 of the general budget of the Union.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, 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

[5] OJ L 433I , 22.12.2020, p. 28.

programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decisionshall not exceed 20%.

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.

Article 4

Grants awarded without a call for proposals

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

Done at Brussels, 25.6.2025

For the Commission
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Executive Vice-President