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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020), and in particular Article 5(2)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules for participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)", and in particular Articles 21, 24 and 27 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union1, and in particular Article 124 thereof,

Whereas:


(2) Simplification as a central aim of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme needs to be reflected in its design, rules, financial management and implementation.

(3) Simpler funding rules reduce the administrative costs for participation and contribute to the prevention and reduction of financial errors. In this respect, the use of unit costs is necessary to simplify the calculation of grant amounts, to significantly decrease the workload of both the beneficiaries and contracting authority as well as to accelerate payment procedures.

(4) The use of unit costs should therefore be authorised for four Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions: Initial Training Networks, Individual Fellowships, Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges and COFUND,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The use of grants in the form of reimbursement on the basis of unit costs is authorised for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (Initial Training Networks, Individual Fellowships, Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges and COFUND) under the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme, for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

This Decision is subject to the final adoption of Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and


Done at Brussels, 27.11.2013

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission