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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) 2018/1046¹ 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, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/947² of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe and amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009, and in particular Article 23(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the special measure in favour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for 2023, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2023.
- (2) The envisaged assistance should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) The measure provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the Commission Communication ‘The European Green Deal’³ and in 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 new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁴.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the special measure to be financed under the Neighbourhood geographic programme of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 is to support the country’s efforts in hosting refugees from Syria for the benefit of both refugees and vulnerable host communities.
- (5) The present special measure is justified by the EU response to the Syrian crisis and its effects on Jordan. It will be implemented in line with financial commitments and

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ COM(2019)640 final of 11 December 2019.

⁴ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

pledges of the Brussels VI Conference on Syria⁵. The EU Response to the Syrian crisis in Jordan answers to rapidly evolving and severe needs on the ground. Given the worsening socio-economic conditions and continued extreme vulnerability of refugees and host communities, intensified by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on key sectors of the economy and the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine in 2022, the Response to the Syrian crisis is not subject to any programming document by derogation to Article 23(2) Regulation (EU) 2021/947 and in accordance with Article 23(4) of the same regulation.

- (6) The action entitled “Education for all – Inclusive and quality education for refugees and vulnerable children and youth in host communities in Jordan” aims at improving literacy, numeracy, skills, qualifications and self-reliance among all learners, targeting refugees and the most vulnerable host communities’ children and youth.
- (7) The action entitled “EU Support to Social Inclusion in Jordan under the Syria Response” aims at laying the foundations of a comprehensive and sustainable social protection system for vulnerable refugees and Jordanians.
- (8) The action entitled “EU support to solid waste management programme in response to the Syrian crisis in Jordan” aims at improving the living conditions of Syrian refugees and hosting communities by continuing and enhancing Solid Waste Management (SWM) services.
- (9) The objective and design of all actions fulfil the criteria for Official Development Assistance established by the OECD/DAC, as per the requirements of Article 3(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, contributing to the sustainable development of partner countries and the implementation of the 2030 agenda by supporting education for all and access to water and sanitation, among other. The countries benefiting from the action which are included in the list of ODA recipients, are identified in the respective action document.
- (10) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (11) Pursuant to Article 62(1), point (c) of the Financial Regulation, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the measure.
- (12) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation.
- (13) To that end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulation before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (14) 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.
- (15) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, 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 https://www.eas.europa.eu/eas/brussels-vi-conference-supporting-future-syria-and-region_en

- (16) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the special measure in favour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for 2023, as set out in the annexes, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following actions:

- “Education for all – Inclusive and quality education for refugees and vulnerable children and youth in host communities in Jordan” set out in Annex I;
- “EU Support to Social Inclusion in Jordan under the Syria Response” set out in Annex II;
- “EU support to solid waste management programme in response to the Syrian crisis in Jordan set out in Annex III.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2023 is set at EUR 90 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020110 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
Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annexes, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in points 4.4.2 of the Annex I, 4.3.1 of the Annex II and Annex III.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases⁶ or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, provided that these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

⁶These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.

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 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annexes. Grants may be awarded to the bodies selected in accordance with point 4.4.1 of Annex I and 4.3.1 of Annex III.

Done at Brussels, 13.10.2023

For the Commission
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