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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Implementing Decision C(2021)9749 final<sup>3</sup>, the Commission adopted the financing of the multi-country multiannual action plan in support of the Western Balkans Investment Framework 2021-2027 and the provisioning of the External Lending Mandate legacy portfolio for past European Investment Bank operations for Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (‘IPA’) beneficiaries including three actions.
- (2) A substantial amendment to Implementing Decision C(2021)9749 final was adopted on 30 November 2022 - C(2022)8942 final, in order to reallocate funds within the Annex 1 - action ‘EU contribution to the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) 2021-2023 ’and decrease the budget related to the action (allocation 2022) as well as to widen the list of implementation modalities.
- (3) In Annex 2 to Implementing Decision C(2021)9749 final, it is necessary to modify the action ‘EU contribution to Sustainable Transport Connectivity in the Western Balkans 2021-2027’ and decrease the budget allocation of the years 2023 and 2024, by EUR 60 000 000 and EUR 130 000 000, respectively; and increase the budget allocation of the years 2026 and 2027, by EUR 70 000 000 and EUR 120 000 000, respectively. This will free IPA annual allocations to cater for additional priorities, especially in the field of migration management. At the same time such adjustment will provide a better match of the actual needs for financing of transport investment projects.
- (4) Therefore, Implementing Decision C(2021)9749 final should be amended accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 9749 final of 16 December 2021 on the financing of the multi-country multiannual action plan in support of the Western Balkans Investment Framework 2021-2027 and the provisioning of the ELM legacy portfolio for past EIB operations for IPA beneficiaries.

- (5) The proposed assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>4</sup>.
- (6) The amendment set out in this Implementing Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 9749 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for the years 2021-2027 is set at EUR 3 158 527 429 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 15 02 02 01.02<sup>5</sup>: EUR 2 938 530 000 for the years 2021-2027 (out of which EUR 657 230 000 for year 2021, EUR 656 300 000 for year 2022, EUR 555 000 000 for year 2023, EUR 280 000 000 for year 2024, EUR 300 000 000 for year 2025, EUR 270 000 000 for year 2026, EUR 220 000 000 for year 2027);
- (b) budget line 15 02 02 03.01: EUR 145 718 486 for the years 2021-2023 (out of which EUR 0 for year 2021, EUR 5 718 486 for year 2022 and EUR 140 000 000 for year 2023);
- (c) budget line 15 02 02 03.04: EUR 74 278 943 for the years 2021-2023 (out of which EUR 13 976 838 for year 2021, EUR 38 664 456 for year 2022 and EUR 21 637 649 for year 2023).

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2024-2027 as adopted by the budgetary authority.’;

- (2) Annex 2 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 14.6.2023

*For the Commission*  
*Olivér VÁRHELYI*  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>4</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) Please 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 between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

<sup>5</sup> Since 2022 the extension .02 those no longer exist. Therefore from 2022 onwards the budget line for commitments is 15 02 02 01