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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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof ,

Whereas:

- (1) The purpose of the operational expenditure programme 2018 for evaluation and monitoring for the enlargement and neighbourhood regions is to provide an assessment of policies, projects and programmes financed from any of the instruments implemented by the Commission.
- (2) It is necessary to adopt a Financing Decision, the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 .
- (3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 110 (5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 , the Commission should define changes to this Decision which are not substantial in order to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer responsible.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the programme

The operational expenditure programme 2018 for evaluation and monitoring for the enlargement and neighbourhood regions, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.07.2018, p.1

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the programme referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 9,330,578 and shall be financed from budget line 21.08.01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2018.

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

Article 3

Methods of implementation

The elements required by Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 are set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Increases or decreases not exceeding 20% of the contribution set by the first paragraph of Article 2, 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 they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 15.10.2018

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission