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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument¹ (hereinafter referred to as “the basic act” and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, 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 Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002² (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84 (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Mediterranean region is of strategic importance to the EU, in both economic (trade, energy, migration) and political (security, stability) terms. Two years after the Arab Spring, the political situation in the region remains characterised by tensions, domestically in several countries, and regionally due to the Middle East conflict and its spill-over to other countries. In the economic domain, high unemployment and stagnant incomes add further challenges to achieving stability and prosperity. At the same time, the region is facing important environmental problems which are affecting the wellbeing of the population, and the prospects for sustainable growth. The political, economic and environmental situation is aggravated by the women’s empowerment deficit and the lack of access to knowledge and education.
- (2) With regard to the promotion of regional cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region, the EU, as Co-Presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and as reference partner of the UfM and its Secretariat has encouraged the UfM to focus on the promotion of flagship regional projects, responding to the current challenges in the countries concerned such as employment, building cross-border partnerships and networks and mobilizing financial support from diverse donors and lenders
- (3) Therefore, the implementation of the platform training activities of the present LOGISMED Training Activities project should be phased with the entry into operation of several logistics Platforms expected in 2015. In addition, the project LOGISMED Training Activities will constitute the backbone to the activities of the other ‘soft’ component ‘LOGISMED soft’, which was already granted funding by the Deauville Partnership MENA Transition Fund earlier this year. In the light of the above, it is paramount to launch the action ‘LOGISMED-Training Activities’ as the contribution

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

of the EU to the labelled project ‘LOGISMED-Training Activities’ as early as possible in 2013.

- (4) A special measure is therefore necessary given this essential activity requires funding without delay, and is not part of the Regional Action Programme 2013 in favour of the ENP South region.
- (5) The Commission may entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised management to the entity identified in the Annex to this Decision, subject to the conclusion of a delegation agreement. The responsible authorising officer has accordingly ensured that this entity complies with the conditions of Article 56(1) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation 1605/2002') and of Articles 35 and 43 of its Implementing Rules⁴, which remain into force until the end of 2013.
- (6) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by this Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (7) The Commission is required to define the term "non-substantial change" in the sense of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application to ensure that any such changes can be adopted by the authorising officer by delegation, or under his or her responsibility, by sub-delegation (hereinafter referred to as the 'responsible authorising officer').
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision do not fall in the categories of measures for which the opinion of the Committee is required. Member States and the European Parliament will be informed of this Decision within ten working days of its adoption, as per Article 13(4) of the basic act.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Adoption of the action

The action constituted by the LOGISMED Training Activities, identified in the attached Annex, is adopted.

Article 2

Financial contribution

The maximum contribution of the European Union authorised by this Decision for the implementation of this action is set at EUR 3 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2013.

³ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

⁴ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p.1. These provisions remain applicable until 31 December 2013 according to Article 212 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 3

Implementation modalities

The budget-implementation tasks under indirect centralised management shall be entrusted to the entity identified in the attached Annex, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

The financial contribution referred to in Article 2 shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions, including the use of contingency, not exceeding 20% of the contribution referred to in the first paragraph of Article 2 shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the action.

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

Done at Brussels, 10.6.2013

For the Commission
Štefan FÜLE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Action Fiche: “LOGISMED Training Activities”