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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

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>2</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) To evaluate the outcome and results of EU-financed projects in key sectors implemented in 2014-2019<sup>3</sup> under the IPA I and II. Evaluations should draw elements for judging the achievements of IPA assistance and its contribution to the reforms set out in the revised Indicative Strategy Paper for Turkey for 2014-2020.
- (2) In order to ensure the implementation of the measure it is necessary to adopt a financing decision. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (3) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>4</sup>.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 231/2014<sup>5</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006<sup>6</sup> lay down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to beneficiaries listed in Annex I to these Regulations.
- (5) 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.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> Due to delays in the implementation of actions, the evaluation will also cover projects funded under IPA I and being implemented during the 2014-2019 period.

<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> Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 11).

<sup>6</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82–93

- (6) To allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision do not fall into the categories of measures for which the opinion of the Committee set up by Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 is required. The IPA II Committee should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

*The measure*

The financing decision for implementing the support measure for sector evaluations of IPA Assistance to Turkey, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

*Article 2*

*Union contribution*

The maximum contribution of the European Union to implementing the support measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 1 500 000. It shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union for 2019:

EUR 1 500 000 from the budget line 22 02 04 01

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

*Article 3*

*Flexibility clause*

Increases or decreases not exceeding 20% of the initial contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 and which do not cause the total contribution to exceed EUR 10 million, 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 within the meaning 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, 27.9.2019

*For the Commission*

*Johannes HAHN*

*Member of the Commission*