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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) No 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,

Whereas:

- (1) The budgetary authority has earmarked specific funding in the 2020 budget under budget line 21.08.02 for activities to raise public awareness on EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies.
- (2) To implement a support programme to raise public awareness on EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies for 2020, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision constituting the annual work programme for 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (3) Article 58(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 provides that tasks resulting from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, including activities promoting awareness on EU policies, may be implemented without a basic act.
- (4) The envisaged activities follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted under Article 215 of the TFEU<sup>2</sup>.
- (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.
- (6) To allow for flexibility when implementing the programme, it is appropriate to allow changes that are not considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

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

<sup>2</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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

*The programme*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme implementing the support programme to raise public awareness on EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies for 2020, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

*Article 2*

*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution to implement the programme for 2020 is set at EUR 2 500 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

EUR 2 500 000 from budget line 21.08.02.

The financial contribution referred to in the first sub-paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

*Article 3*

*Flexibility clause*

The following changes shall not be considered substantial, within the meaning of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, if they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions:

- (a) increases or decreases of not more than 20% of the maximum contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, and not exceeding EUR 10 million, considering each financial year separately;
- (b) cumulated reassignments of funds between specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2;
- (c) extensions to the implementation and closure period.

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

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2020

*For the Commission*

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