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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 Instrument (ENPI)¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the ENPI East Regional Strategy Paper 2010-2013 for ENPI Countries and the ENPI Regional Indicative Programme for the period 2010-2013², chapter 6 of which provides for the following priorities: democracy, good governance and stability; economic development; climate change, energy and environment; and advancing integration with the EU and promoting regional cooperation.
- (2) The objectives pursued by the Action Programme 2011 part I, as set out in the attached annexes, are to contribute to the progress in the achievement of the Baku Initiative, a policy dialogue on energy cooperation between the European Union and the littoral states of the Black Sea, Caspian Sea and their neighbours, and the Eastern Partnership objectives in particular in the field of energy markets convergence and energy security, and to advance the implementation of the multilateral dimension of the Eastern Partnership and of the Black Sea Synergy and Northern Dimension.
- (3) The present Decision constitutes a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget³ (hereafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget⁴ (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (4) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.

¹ OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

² C(2010)1144

³ OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1.

- (5) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.
- (6) The Commission has ensured that the management system set up by the entity to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the partial extension of the eTwinning programme to the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia complies with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under indirect centralised management, as provided for in Articles 56(1) of the Financial Regulation and Article 35 of its Implementing Rules with regard to the actions implemented under indirect centralised management.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Regional East Action Programme 2011 Part I in favour of ENP countries and Russia, constituted by the actions "Regional Energy Cooperation Programme: INOGATE Technical Secretariat / Energy Market Convergence for Electricity and Gas" and "Support to the Multilateral Dimension of the Eastern Partnership/Global Allocation", the text of which is set out in the attached Annexes, is approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the Action Programme is set at €24.27 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 03 of the general budget of the European Union for 2011.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Annual Action Programme. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the European Union up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes to the Annual Action Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Article 4

The management system set up by the entity to which the Commission will entrust implementation of EU funds for the partial extension of the eTwinning programme to the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia complies with the conditions for the delegation of tasks under

indirect centralised management. The financial implementation of tasks related to this action can thus be entrusted to this entity.

Done at Brussels, 13.7.2011

For the Commission
Štefan Füle
Member of the Commission

ANNEX
ENPI East Regional Action Programme 2011 part I

Annex 1: Regional Energy Cooperation Programme: INOGATE Technical Secretariat / Energy Market Convergence for Electricity and Gas

Annex 2: Support to the Multilateral Dimension of the Eastern Partnership/Global Allocation

Annex 3: Request for and prior approval for launching a call for tenders for the project "Regional Energy Cooperation Programme: INOGATE Technical Secretariat/Energy Market Convergence for Electricity and Gas" with suspension clause before the adoption of the Financing Decision