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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 Articles 58(2)(d) and 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the operational expenditure programme for evaluation and monitoring for the enlargement and neighbourhood regions, which results from the Commission's prerogatives at institutional level, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing Decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2019 and 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU².
- (3) The purpose of the multiannual operational expenditure programme 2019 and 2020 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the programme, 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.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² 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 multiannual operational expenditure programme for evaluation and monitoring for the enlargement and neighbourhood regions for the years 2019 and 2020, as set out in the Annex, and the multiannual financing decision, are adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2019 and 2020 is set at EUR 15,500,000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

EUR 5,500,000 shall be financed from the budget line 21.08.01 of the general budget of the EU for year 2019;

EUR 10,000,000 shall be financed from the budget line 21.08.01 of the general budget of the EU for year 2020.

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2020 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases not exceeding 20% of the initial contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 considering each financial year separately, 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, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph, acting in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 27.11.2019

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission