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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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 58(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 appropriations for actions for an indefinite duration, carried out by the Commission by virtue of tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level pursuant to the TFEU and to the Euratom Treaty, other than its right of legislative initiative to submit proposals as referred to in point (b) of that article, may be implemented without a basic act.
- (2) Communication is one of the Commission's tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level.
- (3) The budgetary authority has earmarked specific funding in the EU budget under budget line 14.20.04.03 for activities to raise public awareness on EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies.
- (4) To implement activities to raise public awareness on EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies for 2021-2023, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision constituting the multiannual work programme for 2021-2023. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual work programme are to raise public awareness and to promote an informed public debate about the EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies among target audiences both within and outside the EU
- (6) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted under Article 215 of the TFEU².

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.

- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 the Financial Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The programme

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the support programme to raise public awareness on EU enlargement and neighbourhood policies for 2021-2023, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2021-2023 is set at EUR 6 750 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

EUR 2 250 000 shall be financed from the budget line 14.20.04.03 of the general budget of the EU for year 2021;

EUR 2 250 000 shall be financed from the budget line 14.20.04.03 of the general budget of the EU for year 2022;

EUR 2 250 000 shall be financed from the budget line 14.20.04.03 of the general budget of the EU for year 2023.

The appropriations provided for in the first sub-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 2022 and 2023, as adopted by the budget authority.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 27.10.2021

For the Commission
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