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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 Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)² and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of multiannual support measure for communication in favour of the IPA III beneficiaries for 2021-2023, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2021-2023. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The Commission has adopted an IPA III Programming Framework⁴ for the period 2021 – 2027, which identifies five thematic windows for the delivery of the specific objectives and thematic priorities of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529.
- (4) The objective pursued by the multiannual measure, and by the sole action constituting it, is to raise public awareness of and contribute to the public support for the European Union and its actions, and the EU accession process.
- (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.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 330/1, 20.9.2021, p.1.

³ 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.

⁴ Commission Decision C(2021)8914 of 10.12.2021 on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) Programming Framework for the period 2021-2027

- (6) In order 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 measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee set up by Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529⁵.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the multiannual support measure for communication in favour of the IPA III beneficiaries for 2021-2023, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 45 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

- budget line 15.02.01.01.02, year 2021: EUR 15 000 000;
- budget line 15.02.01.01.02, year 2022: EUR 15 000 000;
- budget line 15.02.01.01.02, year 2023: EUR 15 000 000.

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 budgetary authority.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Increases⁶ or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated reassignments of funds between actions contained in an action plan and not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation and execution 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.

⁵ The Member States have declared, recalling the Council Conclusions of 18 February 2008, that the adoption of this action plan does not prejudice the position of each individual Member State on the status of Kosovo, which will be decided in accordance with their national practice and international law.

⁶ These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.

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, 15.12.2021

For the Commission
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