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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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**addressed to the Republic of North Macedonia amending Commission Implementing
Decision C(2018)5068 of 03.08.2018**

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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 Regulation (EU) 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 19(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Any reference included in the Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)5068 final of 03.08.2018 and its annex to ‘the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’ should be read in light of the 2019 Prespa Agreement, which resulted in a name change to “North Macedonia”.
- (2) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)5068 final the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for North Macedonia for the Year 2018 including three actions.
- (3) It is now necessary to modify the objectives of the Action 3 “*EU Support to Public Finance Management*” of the Annual Action Programme for North Macedonia for the year 2018, in order to enhance the digitalisation of the public financial management in North Macedonia through an Integrated Financial Management Information System in line with the requirements of the EU and of the new organic budget law of North Macedonia, and to this purpose, introduce indirect management with a pillar assessed entity for part of its implementation. Furthermore, following the rebate under Horizon 2020 Programme established with Commission Decision C(2018)3716 final of 13.6.2018, funds will be reallocated from Action 1 “*Support to participation in Union Programmes*” to Action 2 “*EU Integration Facility*” in support of the country’s efforts to advance on the sector reforms and address the medical and socio-economic consequences of COVID-19.
- (4) Therefore, Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)5068 final should be amended accordingly.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 330, 20.9.2021

- (5) This amendment shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the IPA III Committee, established by Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance (IPA III)³ within one month of its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 5068 final is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 15.2.2022

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

³ OJ L 330/1, 20.9.2021