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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 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 84(2) and 128 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Article 54(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, appropriations for one-off actions, or even 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 the Euratom Treaty, other than its right of legislative initiative referred to in point (b) of that article, and under specific powers directly conferred on it by those Treaties, a list of which is given in Article 31 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>2</sup>, may be implemented without a basic act.
- (2) Communication is one of the Commission's tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level.
- (3) In order to ensure implementation of the programme in the field of Communication it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for year 2018.
- (4) Article 94 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (5) Under Article 188 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the work programme is prepared by each authorising officer responsible, shall be adopted and published at the start of the year, and shall specify the basic act, the objectives pursued, the indicative timetable of calls for proposals with the indicative amount and the results expected.
- (6) This Decision allocates to the 2018 work programme a total of EUR 81 253 000<sup>3</sup>.
- (7) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

<sup>3</sup> For the budget line 16 03 04 "House of European History", DG EAC is the Authorising Officer. Therefore, this line will be included in another financing decision.

- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The 2018 work programme in the field of Communication, as set out in the Annex, is adopted. It constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2018 is set at EUR 81 253 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2018:

- Budget line 16.03 01 02: EUR 6 190 000;
- Budget line 16.03 01 03: EUR 15 500 000;
- Budget line 16.03 01 04: EUR 18 357 000;
- Budget line 16.03 01 05: EUR 1 246 000;
- Budget line 16.03 02 01: EUR 4 000 000;
- Budget line 16.03 02 02: EUR 5 600 000;
- Budget line 16.03 02 03: EUR 21 300 000;
- Budget line 16.03 02 04: EUR 2 160 000;
- Budget line 16.03 02 05: EUR 6 900 000.

These appropriations 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 draft general budget of the Union for 2018 following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

#### *Article 3*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20 %.

In implementing this Decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 18.12.2017

*For the Commission*  
*Jean-Claude JUNCKER*  
*The President*