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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

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,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 58(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, appropriations for actions with 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, and under specific powers directly conferred on it by Articles 154, 156, 159 and 160 TFEU, Article 168(2), Article 171(2) and Article 173(2) TFEU, the second paragraph of Article 175 TFEU, Article 181(2) TFEU, Article 190 TFEU and Article 210(2) and Article 214(6) TFEU and Articles 70 and 77 to 85 of the Euratom Treaty, may be implemented without a basic act.
- (2) Communication is one of the Commission's tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level.
- (3) To ensure implementation of the activities in the field of communication, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2023. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (4) The Communication to the Commission on corporate communication action in 2021-2023 of 18 December 2020² provided for actions financed under the prerogative powers of the Commission in the field of communication, and an additional budget of EUR 2 710 000 was allocated to the Directorate-General for Communication for its operational activities.
- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² Communication to the Commission from President von der Leyen and Commissioner Hahn, Corporate communication action in 2021-2023 under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 'Communicating a Union that strives for more' of 18.12.2020 [C(2020) 9390 final].

- (6) To allow for flexibility in implementing the work 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 work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the Directorate-General for Communication's operational activities for 2023, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the work programme for 2023 is set at EUR 111 235 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2023:

- (a) budget line 07 20 04 02: EUR 47 916 000;
- (b) budget line 07 20 04 03: EUR 27 826 000;
- (c) budget line 07 20 04 04: EUR 32 783 000;
- (d) budget line 14 20 04 03: EUR 2 710 000.

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 draft general budget of the Union for 2023, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase in 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, 14.12.2022

For the Commission
Ursula VON DER LEYEN
The President