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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2023-2024. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures<sup>3</sup> adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (5) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation<sup>4</sup> and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 156, 5.5.2001, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) 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 the OJ prevails.

<sup>4</sup> Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulation before a contribution agreement can be signed.

- (6) 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.
- (7) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of 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.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2021/692.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The work programme*

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme for years 2023-2024, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2023-2024 is set at EUR 202 958 792 in 2023 and EUR 204 989 764 in 2024, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 07 06 01: EUR 36 863 099 for 2023 and EUR 36 019 970 for 2024;
- (b) budget line 07 06 02: EUR 32 154 085 for 2023 and EUR 55 671 418 for 2024;
- (c) budget line 07 06 03: EUR 25 257 735 for 2023 and EUR 25 146 869 for 2024;
- (d) budget line 07 06 04: EUR 108 683 873 for 2023 and EUR 88 151 507 for 2024.

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:

- (e) as provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2023, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths;
- (f) as provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2024 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

*Article 3*  
*Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons*

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 5 of that Annex.

*Article 4*  
*Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes<sup>5</sup> 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 work 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.

*Article 5*  
*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies selected in accordance with points 3.14 and 3.15 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 1.12.2022

*For the Commission*  
*Didier REYNDEERS*  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>5</sup> These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.