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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) 2017/825 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013², as amended by Regulation (EU) 2018/1671 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 to increase the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective³, and in particular Articles 11 and 13(5) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006⁴ and in particular Articles 25, 58 (2) and 59 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the actions to be financed from the resources transferred to the Commission by the Hellenic Republic for the year 2020 in application of Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2017/825 in combination with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 it is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation').
- (2) In accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2017/825, requests for support were submitted and assessed by the Commission in accordance with the rules established in that Regulation. In the event of remaining funds due to reprogramming, withdrawals

¹ OJ L 193, 30.07.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 129, 19.05.2017, p. 1.

³ OJ L 284, 12.11.2018, p. 3-5.

⁴ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

of requests or cancellations of support measures, Greece may request additional support relating to its Growth Plan for the Economy or equivalent plan⁵, and the National Reform Programme⁶. The selection of additional requests will be subject to the relevant Commission's assessment.

- (3) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures⁷ adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (4) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation, indirect management is to be also used for the implementation of the programme.
- (6) 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 Regulation⁸ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulation before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (7) 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) No 2018/1046.
- (8) 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of the actions to be financed from the resources transferred to the Commission by the Hellenic Republic for the year 2020 under the Structural Reform Support Programme, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action to be financed from the resources transferred to the Commission by the Hellenic Republic for the year 2020 is set

⁵ <https://primeminister.gr/2020/01/16/22930>

⁶ National Reform Programme 2020: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/2020-european-semester-national-reform-programme-greece_el.pdf

⁷ 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.

⁸ Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

at EUR 5 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2020:

(a) budget line 04.02 63 02: EUR 1 241 852;

(b) budget line 13.03 65 02: EUR 2 763 274;

(c) budget line 13.04 61 02: EUR 994 874

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

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 3 of Part II of that Annex.

Article 4

Flexibility clause and special measures

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 the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objectives 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 adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

In case the Annex provides for the possibility to implement the actions through an alternative management mode, a transfer of the corresponding allocation from one mode to another shall not count for the purposes this Article.

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 referred to in the Annex or selected in accordance with point 3.5 of Part II of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 1.7.2020

For the Commission

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