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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Decision No 1904/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the programme Europe for Citizens to promote active European citizenship¹, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities² (hereinafter referred to as the "Financial Regulation") and in particular Articles 75, 110, 108a thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities³, (hereinafter referred to as the "Implementing Rules"), and in particular Articles 90, 168(1), 181 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Article 110 of the Financial Regulation, grants are subject to an annual work programme.
- (2) Under Article 166 of the Implementing Rules, the annual work programme for grants is adopted by the Commission. It specifies the basic act, the objectives, the schedule of calls for proposals with the indicative amount, and the results expected.
- (3) Under Article 90 of Implementing Rules, for certain grants and contracts the annual work programme is the financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of the Financial Regulation, provided that this constitutes a sufficiently detailed framework.
- (4) It is necessary to adopt an annual work programme on grants and contracts for the Europe for Citizens Programme before the 2013 budget is adopted because the calls for proposals and procurement procedures must be launched with sufficient anticipation so that the award and contracting procedures can start in early 2013.

¹ OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 32.

² OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

³ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- (5) Under Article 181 of the Implementing Rules, this Decision should allow for the award of grants in the form of lump sums and / or flat rate financing for the reasons and amounts set out in the work programme.
- (6) Under Article 168(1) c), f) of the Implementing Rules, in certain cases it is appropriate to authorise grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.
- (7) In order to provide for some degree of flexibility while applying specific actions covered by this Decision, it is necessary to foresee a possibility for the authorising officer to introduce non substantial changes on specific actions. Such changes should not however have a disproportionate impact on the budget line concerned and they should not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the action.
- (8) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules.
- (9) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 83 of the Financial Regulation and Article 106(5) of the Implementing Rules.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the "Europe for Citizens" Programme Committee, established by Article 9 of Decision N° 1904/2006/EC.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The 2013 work programme for the implementation of the "Europe for Citizens" Programme (hereinafter "work programme"), as set out in the Annex, is adopted. It constitutes a financing decision in the meaning of Article 75 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 2

The maximum contribution for the work programme is set at € 26.535.000⁴ and shall be financed from the following lines of the General Budget of the European Union for 2013:

Budget line 16.05.01.01 : €26.535.000

These appropriations shall cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2013 after the adoption of the budget for 2013 by the budgetary authority or provided for in the provisional twelfths.

Article 3

⁴ This amount also includes contributions from the third countries associated to this Programme (€ 205.000).

Cumulated changes to the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 are not considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 may not exceed 20 %.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such changes in accordance with the principle of sound financial management and principle of proportionality.

Article 4

Grants may be awarded as lump sums or as flat-rate financing, in accordance with the conditions and for the amounts set out in the Annex.

Article 5

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Done at Brussels, 19.7.2012

For the Commission
Viviane REDING
Vice-President