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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the "Financial Regulation"), and in particular, Articles 54 (2) (a) thereof,

Having regard to 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<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as " Rules of application"),

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 54(2)(a) of the Financial Regulation, appropriations for pilot projects in the fields of application of the TFEU Treaty, designed to test the feasibility of future actions, may be implemented without a basic act.
- (2) In accordance with Article 84 of the Financial Regulation and Article 94(1) of the Rules of Application, the commitment of expenditure from the budget of the European Union shall be preceded by a financing decision setting out the essential elements of the project involving expenditure and adopted by the Commission.
- (3) The 2014 work programme being a sufficiently detailed framework in the meaning of Article 94(2) and (3) of the Rules of Application, the present decision constitutes a financing decision for the expenditure provided for in the work programme for contracts.
- (4) The present financing decision may also cover the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 92 of the Financial Regulation and 111(5) of the Rules of Application.
- (5) In order to provide for some degree of flexibility while applying specific actions covered by this Decision, it is necessary to foresee the possibility for the authorising officer to introduce non substantial changes on specific actions. Such changes should however not have a disproportionate impact on the budget line concerned and they should not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the project,

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1 OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1

2 OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The work programme in Annex is hereby adopted for a total budget of €1.000.000 on the budget line 16.02.77.01 for the year 2014.

It constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

If additional funds are available in the course of the year, this work programme can cover commitments up to 20% above this amount. These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.

*Article 2*

Changes to the budget of a specific action are not considered to be "substantial", provided that the possible budget increase does not exceed 20% of the amount given in Article 1 and does not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the project.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

*Article 3*

The Director General of DG Communication is responsible for ensuring the publication and implementation of the annual work programme on contracts for the budget line 16.02.77.01 "Pilot project – New Narrative on Europe".

Done at Brussels, 21.1.2014

*For the Commission*  
*Viviane Reding*  
*Vice-President*