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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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 1305/2013¹, and in particular Article 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 1083/2006² and in particular Article 58(2) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union³, and in particular Article 84(2) 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 2018 in application of 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 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁴.
- (2) It is necessary to adopt a work programme for grants for 2018 in accordance with Article 128(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 188(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. In accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/825, the co-financing rates for grants shall be up 100 % of the eligible costs.
- (3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

¹ OJ L 129, 19.05.2017, p. 1.

² OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ 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 (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

- (4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,

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 2018 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 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

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 2018 is set at EUR 20 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2018:

- (a) budget line 04 02 63 02;
- (b) budget line 13 03 65 02;
- (c) budget line 13 04 61 02

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 budget implementation tasks related to 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 in that Annex, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreements.

Article 4

Non-substantial changes

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in 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.

Article 5

Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in point 1.2 of the Annex, in accordance with the conditions set out therein.

Done at Brussels, 13.6.2018

For the Commission

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Vice-President