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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) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action², and in particular Article 2(1) and thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018, Part 4, it is necessary to adopt an annual³ financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2018. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing Decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.
- (3) The Commission has adopted the ENI East Regional Strategy Paper⁵ for the period 2014-2020 and the Multiannual Indicative Programme⁶ for the period 2017-2020, which provide for the following priorities: (1) economic development and market opportunities; (2) strengthening institutions and good governance; (3) connectivity, energy efficiency, environment and climate change; (4) mobility and people-to-people contacts.
- (4) The objective pursued by the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018, Part 4, to be financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument⁷ is foster the employability

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

³ Multiannual financing Decision shall always constitute a multiannual action programme.

⁴ www.sanctionsmap.eu Please 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 between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

⁵ Decision C(2014)5200 of 28.7.2014.

⁶ Decision C(2017)5408 of 4.8.2017.

⁷ Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27).

and the active participation of youth in society and economy, by developing their skills and supporting them in becoming leaders and entrepreneurs.

- (5) The action entitled ‘EU4Youth, Phase II’ will in particular promote social entrepreneurship and social cohesion; will support Partner Countries in developing and implementing more effective, evidence-based policy responses to challenges to youth; will foster the involvement of young people in policy-making; and will continue capacity building actions targeting youth organisation, youth workers and young leaders.
- (6) 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) 2018/1046.
- (7) The action provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument Committee established under Article 15 of the financing instrument referred to in recital 4.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1⁸
The ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018, Part 4

The ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018, Part 4, as set out in the Annex 1, is adopted.

The ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018, Part 4, shall include the following action: Annex 1, EU4Youth – Phase II.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018, Part 4, for 2018 is set at EUR 10.000.000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

22.04.02.02: EUR 10.000.000.

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

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Increases⁹ or decreases of up to EUR 10.000.000 not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 110(5) of Regulations (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

⁸ For multiannual financing Decisions, Article 1 is only used for the first year, when adopting the programme.

⁹ These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.

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.

Done at Brussels, 5.12.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission