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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010¹, and in particular Article 17(1) thereof,

Having regard to 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020 which provided for support under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) to projects of common interest in the transport sector in the form of grants and for Programme Support Actions³.
- (2) An indicative amount of EUR 301 620 000 under the general envelope is presently made available to support priorities and funding objectives of the Multi-Annual Work Programme.
- (3) A call for proposals⁴ in the priority "Single European Sky / SESAR" is expected to be published by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency ("Agency") in 2017

¹ OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020 for financial assistance in the field of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector.

⁴ The launch of the SESAR call is subject to the adoption of the draft Omnibus Regulation extending the budget share for the Multi-Annual Programmes to 95% of the total CEF - Transport budget, or to the new availability of resources following the mid-term portfolio review (under the present capping of 85% for Multi-Annual Programmes).

setting out the practical modalities and the schedule for the submission of proposals in accordance with Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

- (4) In order to support the pre-deployment and validation of drones under the priority of the Single European Sky it is necessary to use indirect management. Therefore, the Commission will delegate the respective financial contribution to the SESAR Joint Undertaking, as the body referred to in Article 58(1) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. This delegation is based on Article 6(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.
- (5) One Programme Support Action (PSA) mentioned in Decision C(2014)1921 as amended by Decision C(2016)1966 concerning the "Corporate Communication of the Commission" will be modified.
- (6) Another PSA mentioned in Decision C(2014)1921 as amended by Decision C(2016)6388 concerning the "Technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of projects from the CEF cohesion envelope, in the framework of the EU-EIB JASPERS initiative and in the form of direct assistance to the Member States", will be cancelled on 2016 appropriations. As a consequence, an amount of EUR 500 000 will be added to grants from the Cohesion envelope.
- (7) In accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, the Commission intends to carry out a review of the portfolio of ongoing Actions supported under the CEF Transport Multi-Annual Work Programme at mid-term in 2018.
- (8) In view of using recommitted appropriations constituting internal assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, stemming from the TEN-T and Marco Polo Programmes under the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2007-2013, for which the Agency has taken over the legacy, as well as other additional revenue obtained by the Agency, and adding them to the funding objectives of the CEF, insofar as the general objectives of those programmes are largely pursued by those of the CEF, an amount of EUR 48 765 041 should be added in 2017 to the CEF appropriations and be used under the CEF programme.
- (9) It is therefore necessary to modify Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 in order to take account of new objectives and priorities for the financial assistance under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector, general envelope, for projects of common interest for an additional total indicative amount of up to EUR 301 620 000.
- (10) The objectives and priorities set out in the Multi-Annual Work Programme for 2017 call for proposals are in line with the Union priorities, notably those related to 'Jobs, growth and investment', 'Digital single market' and 'Energy Union and climate'.
- (11) This Implementing Decision should be considered a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"Article 2

Taking into account the final amounts of the grant agreements signed by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency ("the Agency") resulting from the call for proposals of 2015 and the Programme Support Actions provided in previous Decisions, the total amount covered by this Decision shall be up to a maximum of EUR 22 492 564 777.

This Decision shall be a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 for 2014 - 2020 for the following budget lines:

- 06.020101 - Removing bottlenecks, enhancing rail interoperability, bridging missing links and improving cross-border sections: EUR 8.145.307.912

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 83.941.131

- 06.020102 - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems: EUR 457.326.791 out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 11.968.345

- 06.020103 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability: EUR 2 640 593 238

- out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 124 686 650

- out of which, contribution to an entrusted body- the SESAR Joint Undertaking: EUR 10 000 000

- 06.020104 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Cohesion Fund allocation: EUR 11.249.336.835

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 15 916 970

The total amount shall include recommitted appropriations constituting internal assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 from the TEN-T and Marco Polo Programmes under the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2007-2013, for which the Agency has taken over the legacy, insofar as the general objectives of these past programmes correspond to those of the Connecting Europe Facility – Transport sector, and which shall be added to the amounts available for the calls for proposals to be launched under the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020.

A maximum amount of 0,125% of each budget line and no more than EUR 1 250 000 shall be earmarked for costs of the external experts and translations involved in the evaluation of the proposals in line with Article 204 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Additionally EUR 500,000 is earmarked for the contracting of reviewers in the framework of the MAP portfolio review in 2018.

Those appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.";

(2) Article 3 is replaced by the following:

"Article 3

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

The budget implementation tasks related to delegation to entrusted entities based on Article 6(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 are described in the Annex II ter of this Decision."

(3) An Annex II ter entitled "Objectives and priorities of the CEF-Transport in the SESAR sector to be implemented by call for proposals under the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020 in 2017" set out in Part I of the Annex to this Decision is added to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921.

(4) One PSA concerning the "contribution from CEF – Transport to the Corporate Communication Action in 2016 under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020" (No 4.3.3 in chapter 4 of Annex II to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921) is replaced by the text in Part II of the Annex to this Decision and one PSA concerning the "technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of projects from the CEF cohesion envelope, in the framework of the EU-EIB JASPERS initiative and in the form of direct assistance to the Member States" (No 4.4.1 in chapter 4 of Annex II to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921) is cancelled.

(5) Annexes III and IV to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 are replaced by the text in Part III of the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 3.8.2017

*For the Commission
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