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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 67/2010<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 17(4) and (7) 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 European Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of Connecting Europe Facility it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2016. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012<sup>2</sup> establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is necessary to allow the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (3) 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.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 348/2013, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

<sup>2</sup> 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) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Connecting Europe Facility Coordination Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The Work Programme*

The annual work programme for a multi-sectoral call for proposals under the Connecting Europe Facility for 2016, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2016 is set at EUR 40 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2016:

(a) budget line 06 02 01 02 - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems: up to EUR 20 000 000;

(b) budget line 32 02 01 01 - Further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders: up to EUR 20 000 000.

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

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

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 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, 31.3.2016

*For the Commission*  
*Violeta BULC*  
*Member of the Commission*