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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 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 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)1921³ provides for support to projects of common interest in the form of grants and for the Programme Support Actions.
- (2) In line with the evolving priorities in the implementation of the Trans-European Transport Network policy objectives defined in the Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013, it is necessary to amend some existing Programme Support Actions within the meaning of Article 5(2)(a) of the Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 and to provide for a number of new actions.
- (3) A supplementary amount of EUR 13 408 436 should therefore be added in respect of the adapted and new Programme Support Actions in the Multi-Annual Work Programme. In order to present budgetary commitments of the Connecting Europe

¹ OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Commission 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, as last amended

Facility – Transport sector in a consistent manner since 2014, Annexes III and IV to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 should be replaced by updated Annexes.

- (4) The Innovation and Networks Executive Agency has obtained additional revenue in the amount of EUR 50 652 922, stemming from the TEN-T and Marco Polo Programmes under the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2007-2013. This amount constitutes internal assigned revenue within the meaning of Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. Since CEF pursues objectives that are largely the same as the objectives underlying the TEN-T and Marco Polo programmes, that amount should be added to the 2017 appropriations to be used for the CEF programme.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) This Decision should be considered a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- (7) 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:

Sole Article

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

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"Article 2

The total amount covered by this Decision shall be up to a maximum of EUR 22 847 492 165

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 8 315 295 238, out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 75 701 240

- 06.020102 - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems: EUR 784 678 981, out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 21 968 345

- 06.020103 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability: EUR 2 506 585 931, out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 130 504 402, and for a contribution to an entrusted body – the SESAR Joint Undertaking: EUR 10 000 000

- 06.020104 - Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) — Cohesion Fund allocation: EUR 11 240 932 015, out of which, for Programme Support Actions: up to EUR 21 916 970

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

An additional amount of EUR 500 000 of the Budget line 06.020101 shall be earmarked for the contracting of external experts in the framework of the portfolio review of the Multi Annual Work Programme in 2018.

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

(2) The Annexes are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 17.1.2018

For the Commission

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