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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(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 1605/2002<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 of 26 March 2014 establishing the 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 Actions<sup>3</sup>.
- (2) The development of the trans-European networks in the Energy, Transport and Telecommunications sectors involve to an increasing extent the deployment of digital technologies and services. In many cases considerable synergies and economies of scale can be achieved if grant support is provided to projects of common interest relating to generic digital technologies and services through coordinated CEF calls, involving two or more CEF sectors, as appropriate.
- (3) For CEF Transport it is envisaged to support the objectives of the TEN-T Guidelines related to the "digitalisation of transport" by means of a call for proposals to be launched in 2018, under the General envelope, in coordination with a CEF-Telecommunications call. Such call will set out the practical modalities and the schedule for the submission of proposals in accordance with Article 128 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> 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 amended.

- (4) In this respect, a total indicative amount of EUR 450 000 000 is presently made available for the 2018 call for proposals, under the General envelope of CEF Transport, to support projects of common interest related to relating to the cross-cutting objectives of transport digitalisation, road safety and multimodality.
- (5) The Innovation and Networks Executive Agency has obtained additional revenue in the amount of EUR 246 913 689, 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 2018 appropriations to be used for the CEF programme.
- (6) The objectives and priorities set out in the Multi-Annual Work Programme for the 2018 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'.
- (7) Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) This Implementing Decision should be considered a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- (9) 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*

The total amount covered by this Decision shall be up to a maximum of EUR 23 383 659 501. 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 8 399 337 953

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 74 995 231

- 06.020102 - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport systems: EUR 1 097 419 161

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 21 972 695

- 06.020103 - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability: EUR 2 645 970 371

out of which, for Programme Support Actions: EUR 129 795 568

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) Annex II quater entitled "Objectives and priorities concerning the call for proposals in 2018 (General envelope), under the Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014-2020" set out in Part I of the Annex to this Decision is added to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921.

(3) Annex III to Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 is replaced by the text in Part II of the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 19.4.2018

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*