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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<sup>1</sup> (hereafter "CEF Regulation"), and in particular Article 18 thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 6388 of 7 October 2016 amended Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 of 26 March 2014 establishing a Multi-Annual Work Programme for financial assistance in the field of Connecting Europe Facility Transport sector for the period 2014-2020.
- (2) Based on the Multi-Annual Work Programme set out in Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 6388, the Commission launched on 13 October 2016 two calls for proposals, under the general and the cohesion envelopes of the Connecting Europe Facility, for the following groups of projects of common interest in the transport sector:
  - Removing bottlenecks and bridging missing links;
  - Ensuring sustainable and efficient transport in the long run;
  - Optimising the integration and interconnection of transport modes and enhancing interoperability, safety and security of transport.
- (3) Following the calls for proposals and based on the eligibility, selection and award criteria laid down in sections 7, 8 and 9 of annex II of Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)1921 as amended, the Commission selected projects of common interest in the transport sector under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for receiving EU financial assistance. All selected projects meet the required criteria.
- (4) The Commission, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 25(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1316/2013, should decide on the amount of financial assistance to be granted to the projects or parts of projects selected.
- (5) Following amendments to grant agreements signed under the 2014 and 2015 CEF transport calls, an additional budget of €638,624,084 became available for the cohesion envelope.

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OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

- (6) The Commission has applied the option to increase the maximum contribution by 20% under the general and cohesion envelopes, laid down in Article 4 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 of 26 March 2014.
- (7) The list of projects of common interest selected by this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1316/2013.

## HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

The list of projects of common interest in the transport sector selected for receiving EU financial assistance under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), the estimated total eligible costs of the actions, the percentage of the financial asistance out of the estimated total eligible costs and the respective maximum amounts of the financial assistance, as laid down in the Annex, are approved.

#### Article 2

The Commissioner responsible for Mobility and Transport is hereby empowered to inform those applicants whose projects have not been selected of the final outcome of their application.

Done at Brussels, 25.7.2017

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission