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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 18(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 established a 2014 multiannual work programme for financial assistance in the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector for 2014-2020 ('multiannual work programme').
- (2) Implementing Decision C(2019) 2743 amended Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921 to establish the CEF Transport Blending Facility.
- (3) The CEF Transport Blending Facility is a cooperation framework between the Commission and implementing partners that aims to address market failures in the financing of certain transport infrastructure sectors. It focuses on two CEF funding priorities: (i) deploying alternative fuels as defined in Article 2(1) of Directive (EU) No 2014/94 of the European Parliament and of the Council and in line with Article 33 of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and (ii) deploying the European Rail Traffic Management System in line with Article 13, point (a) of that Regulation.
- (4) Under Implementing Decision C(2019) 2743, the Commission launched the 2019 CEF Transport Blending Facility rolling call for proposals on 15 November 2019. The call consists of five cut-off dates: (i) 16 March 2020, (ii) 15 June 2020, (iii) 25 September 2020, (iv) 18 December 2020 and (v) 18 March 2021. It aims to support projects of common interest under the two funding priorities referred to in Recital (3).
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2021) 3199 establishes the list of 12 proposals selected for receiving Union financial assistance under the 4th cut-off date of the CEF Transport Blending Facility. Part II of Annex I lists the proposals that were not selected for receiving Union financial assistance, including project n° 2019-EU-TM-0375-W, which was initially deemed inadmissible. After further examination, the project was declared admissible and evaluated.
- (6) Following the evaluation, the Commission selected this project of common interest under the 4th cut-off date (18 December 2020), increasing the total number of projects

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

selected under this cut-off date to 13. Of those 13, 9 contribute to the ‘deployment of alternative fuels’ and 4 to the ‘deployment of European Rail Traffic Management System.’

- (7) The total recommended funding under the 4th cut-off date is therefore EUR 73 660 412, of which EUR 56 920 412 is for the ‘deployment of alternative fuels’ and EUR 16 740 000 is for the ‘deployment of the European Rail Traffic Management System’.
- (8) Following the call for proposals, and based on the eligibility, selection and award criteria set out in the multiannual work programme, the Commission selected 7 projects of common interest under the 5th cut-off date (18 March 2021). Of those 7, 4 contribute to the ‘deployment of alternative fuels’ and 3 to the ‘deployment of European Rail Traffic Management System.’
- (9) The total recommended funding is EUR 38 069 738, of which EUR 27 589 738 is for the ‘deployment of alternative fuels’ and EUR 10 480 000 is for the ‘deployment of the European Rail Traffic Management System.’
- (10) The reasons for selecting or not selected proposals are set out in the call evaluation report, which includes individual evaluation forms.
- (11) The measures in this Decision are in line with the opinion of the Connecting Europe Facility Coordination Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The Annex to Decision C(2021) 3199 is replaced by Annex I.

#### *Article 2*

The lists of projects of common interest selected and not selected for receiving Union financial assistance under the 5th cut-off date of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector Blending Facility are approved. The lists are based on the 2014-2020 multiannual work programme adopted by Implementing Decision C(2014) 1921. For the selected projects, they include (i) the estimated total eligible costs of the actions, (ii) the percentage of the financial contribution out of the estimated total eligible costs, and (iii) the respective maximum amounts of the financial contribution, as set out in Annex II.

Done at Brussels, 27.7.2021

*For the Commission*  
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