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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EU) 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the “Europe for Citizens” programme for the period 2014-2020², and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Europe for Citizens Programme, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for the year 2019. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (‘the Financial Regulation’) establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (4) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116 (5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046.
- (5) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Europe for Citizens Programme Committee, established by Article 9 of Council Regulation (EU) 390/2014,

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the Europe for Citizens Programme for the year 2019, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2019 is set at EUR 25.189.000³, and shall be financed from the general budget of the Union from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

budget line 18.04.01.01: EUR 25.189.000.

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2019, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes⁴ to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of 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.

³ This amount does not include contributions from the third countries associated to the Programme (EUR 109 920).

⁴These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

Article 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies selected in accordance with point 2.2 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 13.11.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission