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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 Regulation (EC) 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics², and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 of the European statistical programme 2013-2017³, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and the Council⁴ has extended the European statistical programme to 2020, in order to align it with the remaining duration of the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020.
- (2) In order to ensure that the European statistical programme established by Regulation (EU) 99/2013 is implemented, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2020.
- (3) Under Article 195(d) and 195(f) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, it is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to specify the conditions for awarding these grants. As stated in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, the national statistical institutes and other national authorities included in the list referred to in Article 5(2) of the Regulation may receive grants without a call for proposals. Grants may also be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body with specific technical competences, a high degree of specialisation or specific administrative powers, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.
- (4) According to Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, it is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment. .

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164.

³ OJ L 39, 9.2.2013, p. 12.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2020 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2017, p. 1)

- (5) In order to allow for flexibility in the work programme's implementation, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme

The 2020 annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for implementing the European Statistical Programme 2013-2020, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for implementing the programme for the year 2020 ('work programme') is set at EUR 87 765 700, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 29.0201: EUR 74 000 000;
- (b) appropriations corresponding to EFTA contribution: EUR 1 359 750;
- (c) appropriations corresponding to Swiss contribution: EUR 12 405 950.

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 2020, following the adoption of this budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Cumulative changes to allocations for specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, as long as they do not significantly affect the nature of the actions or 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. These changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

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 referred to in point 2 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 13.12.2019

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission