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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments¹, and in particular Article 18(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 2 March 2022 Slovakia on behalf of all Member States and Norway and Switzerland which have agreed on the content of the cooperation programme pursuant to Article 16(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, submitted through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, the cooperation programme “(Interreg VI-C) Interact” for support from the European Regional Development Fund (‘ERDF’) under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) in all Member States with the participation of Norway and Switzerland.
- (2) The programme was prepared by all Member States, Norway and Switzerland in cooperation with the partners referred to in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council².
- (3) The programme contains all the elements referred to in Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 and has been prepared in accordance with the model set out in the Annex to that Regulation.
- (4) In accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, the Commission assessed the cooperation programme and made observations pursuant to paragraph 2 of that Article on 20 April 2022. Slovakia provided supplementary information and submitted a revised cooperation programme on 20 June 2022.
- (5) The Commission concluded that the programme complies with Regulation (EU) 2021/1059.

¹ OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 94.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159).

- (6) Pursuant to Article 50 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, this Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 110(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council³ with regard to the ERDF under shared management. It is necessary to specify the elements needed to make the budgetary commitments with respect to the programme in this Decision.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 112(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, it is necessary to fix, for each year, the amount of the total financial appropriations envisaged for the support from the ERDF and, for each priority, the co-financing rate and the maximum of support from the Fund. It is also necessary to specify whether the co-financing rate for the priority applies to total contribution, including public and private contribution, or to public contribution.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 27(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, as the total ERDF allocation to this programme is between EUR 30 000 000 and EUR 50 000 000, the amount resulting from the percentage for technical assistance as set out in Article 27(3) shall be increased by an additional amount of EUR 500 000. This additional amount should have as effect an increase in the percentage of the ERDF contribution to be reimbursed for technical assistance pursuant to Article 27(3).
- (9) The cooperation programme should therefore be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The cooperation programme “(Interreg VI-C) Interact” for support from the ERDF under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) in all Member States and Norway and Switzerland for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027, submitted in its final version on 20 June 2022, is hereby approved.

Article 2

1. The maximum amount of support from the ERDF for each year is set out in Annex I.
2. The maximum amount of support for the programme is set at EUR 45 000 000, to be financed from the following specific budget line in accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2022:
05 02 01 05: EUR 45 000 000 (ERDF - ETC).
3. The co-financing rate for each priority is set out in Annex II. The co-financing rate for each priority shall apply to public contribution.
4. The amount resulting from the percentage for technical assistance is increased by EUR 500 000. Therefore, the amount of the ERDF contribution to be reimbursed for technical assistance is set at EUR 3 833 333 which results in 9.31% of the ERDF contribution.

³ 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 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27.7.2022

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

