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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 1287/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises¹ (hereinafter "the COSME Regulation") and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union² (hereinafter "the Financial Regulation"), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It is necessary to amend Implementing Decision C(2014) 247 concerning the adoption of the 2014 work programme for the implementation of the Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises, serving as a financing decision, due to the adaptations of the budgetary allocations and changes in the measures listed in the Annex, in particular:
 - Following the adoption by the Budgetary Authority of an amended budget, EUR 21 250 000 have been taken from the COSME Access to Finance budget line 02.0202 to contribute to the European Investment Fund capital increase. The budget for the COS-WP2014-1-01 "Loan Guarantee Facility including the SME initiative" has to be decreased from EUR 100 000 000 to EUR 89 000 000. The budget for the COS-WP2014-1-02 "Equity Facility for Growth" has to be decreased from EUR 61 907 588 to EUR 51 657 588.
 - EUR 3 857 031 unspent from the 2013 Entrepreneurship and Innovation programme (EIP) were recently made available to the COSME programme.
 - The budget allocation for the COS-WP2014-2-01 "Enterprise Europe Network" should be increased by EUR 1 136 645 from EUR 44 913 355 to EUR 46 050 000.
 - COS-WP2014-2-04: taking into account activities performed under the related 2013 contract, the budget required for maintaining the "Your Europe Business Portal" in 2014 has been re-evaluated and should be reduced from EUR 800 000 to EUR 400 000.
 - Under COS-WP2014-2-07, the sub-action for the development of a training scheme for business organisation should be cancelled and the available budget should be allocated to COS-WP2014-3-03 that is closely related.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 33.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

- COS-WP2014-2-08 EU-Japan centre can be reduced from EUR 2 800 000 to EUR 2 650 000.
 - COSM-WP2014-2-09 Industrial Policy cooperation can be reduced from EUR 1 000 000 to EUR 650 000.
 - COS-WP2014-2-10 “Facilitating access to light RPAS regulation” should be implemented through a call for proposals instead of a call for tender.
 - The budget allocation for the COS-WP2014-3-03 “Cluster internationalisation Programme for SMEs” should be increased from EUR 3 000 000 to EUR 3 500 000 in order to reinforce the “Support for international and business network cooperation”.
 - The budget allocation for the COS-WP2014-3-04 “Cluster Excellence programme” is increased from EUR 1 000 000 to EUR 1 250 000 with the view to assist clusters, business networks and their managers to provide high quality services to SMEs including for internationalisation.
 - COS-WP2014-3-08 can be reduced from EUR 150 000 to EUR 115 000.
 - COS-WP2014-3-13 Follow-up of the Small Business Act can be reduced from EUR 2 500 000 to EUR 1 800 000 while adding as a sub-action the development of an dedicated IT-tool.
 - The title of COS-WP2014-3-16 can be adapted in order to reflect the adoption by the Commission of Communication COM(2013)542 and its budget can be reduced from EUR 300 000 to EUR 225 000.
 - COS-WP2014-3-15: total budget for the action should be reduced by EUR 28 000 from EUR 8 700 000 to EUR 8 672 000. Budgets for the “Virtual tourism observatory (VTO)” and for the “Maintenance of the Tourism for all register” should be reduced and the money made available should re-enforce the calls for proposals for “Increasing tourism flows in low/medium seasons” and for “Diversifying the EU Tourism offer and products”.
 - Budget allocation for COS-WP2014-4-01 “Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan Follow-Up and Monitoring” should be reduced to EUR 10 000 corresponding to development of the Early warning IT tool.
 - Budget allocation for COS-WP2014-4-04 “Promotion of Social entrepreneurship” should be reduced from EUR 170 000 to EUR 100 000.
 - Budget allocation for the COS-WP2014-4-05 “Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs” should be increased from EUR 4 400 000 to EUR 6 380 000. A new call for tender for the Support Office should be introduced allowing for a timely hand-over.
 - Calls for tenders for framework contracts should be introduced in the financing decision.
- (2) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises Committee.
- (3) Implementing Decision C(2014) 247 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2014) 247 is amended as follows:

Article 2 is replaced by the following:

“Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2014 is set at EUR 250 924 306 and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2014:

- (a) budget line 02 01 04 01: EUR 3 871 433
- (b) budget line 02 01 06 01: EUR 7 066 313
- (c) budget line 02 02 01: EUR 99 177 250
- (d) budget line 02 02 02: EUR 140 657 588

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 in the budget for 2014 after the adoption by the budgetary authority.

Done at Brussels, 22.7.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission