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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation No 1287/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises[1] (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 Union[2] (hereinafter "the Financial Regulation"), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In order to ensure implementation of the Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2014. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union[3] establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

(2) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.

(3) The use of indirect management is justified as per Article 16 of the COSME Regulation.

(4) Evidence that the requirements laid down in points (a) to (d) of the first subparagraph of point 2 of Article 60 of the Financial Regulation are fulfilled by the entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of the budget by indirect management has been obtained by the authorising officer by delegation.

(5) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012.

(6) It is appropriate to establish a financial instrument in accordance with article 139 of the Financial Regulation in order to multiply the effect of Union funds.

(7) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012.

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1 OJ L [347], [20.12.2013].
2 OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.
3 OJ L 362, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 21 of the COSME Regulation,

(9) The work programme was submitted to the committee established in the Article 46 (1) of the Decision No: 1639/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council for informal consultation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of the Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises for 2014, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

The work programme is subject to a positive opinion by the committee established in the Regulation No 1287/2013 of the European Parliament and Council establishing a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (COSME) (2014 – 2020).

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2014 is set at EUR 270 090 943 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 3 675 000

(b) budget line 02 01 06 01: EUR 7 025 000

(c) budget line 02 02 01: EUR 97 483 355

(d) budget line 02 02 02: EUR 161 907 588

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 for in the draft budget for 2014 after the adoption of the budget for 2014 by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Management modes used and entrusted entities

The budget implementation of tasks related to the actions carried out by indirect management as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons identified in the Annex.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes[4] to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Article 6
Financial instruments

The Equity Facility for Growth (EFG) and the Loan Guarantee Facility (LGF) are established.

The financial support to be provided by the EFG and the LGF shall be entrusted to the European Investment Fund-(EIF) for an amount specified in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 22.1.2014

For the Commission
Antonio TAJANI
Vice-President

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For the Secretary-General,

Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU
Director of the Registry
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[4] These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.