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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 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 96(10) thereof,

Having consulted the ESF Committee,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 10084, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 589, certain elements of the operational programme "Competitiveness and Sustainable Development" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the Cohesion Fund under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in Cyprus were approved.
- (2) On 15 October 2020 Cyprus submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, a request for an amendment to the operational programme. The request was accompanied by a revised operational programme, in which Cyprus proposed an amendment to the elements of the operational programme referred to in points (b)(i) to (v), and (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 96(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2014) 10084.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 25a(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Cyprus requests to apply a co-financing rate of 100% to expenditure declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting on 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021 for all the priority axes of this operational programme.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 25a(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Cyprus requested the transfer of the resources available for programming for the year 2020 from the Cohesion Fund to the ESF, from this operational programme to the operational

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

programme "Employment, Human Resources and Social Cohesion" (CCI 2014CY05M9OP001). The transfer of resources does not include a change in the allocation by category of regions.

- (5) The amendment to the operational programme consists in the reallocation of ERDF resources from priority axis 2 "Promoting the Use of Information and Communication Technologies" to priority axis 1 "Strengthening the Competitiveness of the Economy", with addition of a new specific objective for the reinforcement of the health sector to address the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, and the adjustment of the programme indicators affected by the transfers under those priority axes as well as under priority axes 4A "Solid Waste and Water Resources Management", 5 "Promoting sustainable transport and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions" and 7B "Technical Support for the Implementation of Cohesion Fund" affected by the reduction of the Cohesion Fund allocation.
- (6) In accordance with Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the request for the amendment to the operational programme is duly justified by the need to provide an effective and immediate response to the current public health and economic crisis related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The request to transfer resources from the Cohesion Fund to the ESF is duly justified by the need to make available resources to the operational programme "Employment, Human Resources and Social Cohesion" of the European Social Fund in order to finance the employment support measures. The request for amendment sets out the expected impact of the changes to the programme on achieving the Union's strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and the specific objectives defined in the programme, taking account of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Regulations (EU) No 1300/2013<sup>2</sup> and (EU) No 1301/2013<sup>3</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council, as well as of the horizontal principles referred to in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (7) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee by written procedure on 9 September 2020 examined and approved the proposal for the amendment to the operational programme, taking into account the text of the revised operational programme and its financing plan.
- (8) The Commission assessed the revised operational programme and did not make observations pursuant to the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 30(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (9) The amended elements of the revised operational programme subject to the Commission's approval under Article 96(10) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be approved.
- (10) Implementing Decision C(2014) 10084 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

Implementing Decision C(2014) 10084 is amended as follows:

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<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1300/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 281).

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 289).

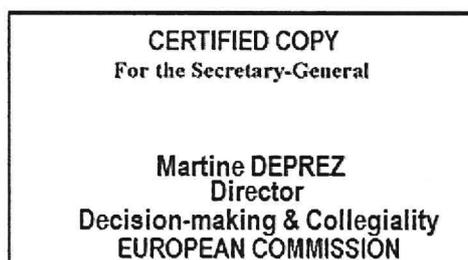
1. in Article 1, the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:  
"The following elements of the operational programme "Competitiveness and Sustainable Development" for support from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in Cyprus for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 10 December 2014, as last amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 15 October 2020 are hereby approved:";
2. in Article 4, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:  
"2. The total financial appropriation for the operational programme is set at EUR 558 754 752, to be financed from the following specific budget lines in accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2014:  
13 03 62: EUR 299 898 560 (ERDF – More developed regions);  
13 04 60: EUR 258 856 192 (Cohesion Fund).";
3. Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision;
4. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Cyprus.

Done at Brussels, 4.11.2020

*For the Commission*  
*Elisa FERREIRA*  
*Member of the Commission*



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**ANNEX I**  
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**Total financial appropriation from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund and the amounts related to the performance reserve per year (in EUR)**

Fund	Category of region	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Total	
		Main allocation <sup>1</sup>	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve												
(1)	ERDF	84 554 199	5 397 077	84 776 470	5 424 030	20 220 392	1 290 663	22 406 885	1 427 035	22 855 228	1 455 653	23 312 529	1 484 842	23 778 944	1 514 613	281 904 647	17 993 913
(2)		84 554 199	5 397 077	84 776 470	5 424 030	20 220 392	1 290 663	22 406 885	1 427 035	22 855 228	1 455 653	23 312 529	1 484 842	23 778 944	1 514 613	281 904 647	17 993 913
(3)	Cohesion Fund	53 727 358	3 429 406	45 564 699	2 908 385	36 956 182	2 358 905	36 361 330	2 320 936	35 688 560	2 277 993	35 026 692	2 235 746	0	0	243 324 821	15 531 371
(4)	Total	138 281 557	8 826 483	130 341 169	8 332 415	57 176 574	3 649 568	58 768 215	3 747 971	58 543 788	3 733 646	58 339 221	3 720 588	23 778 944	1 514 613	525 229 468	33 525 284

<sup>1</sup> Total allocation (Union support) less allocation to the performance reserve.

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**ANNEX II**  
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**Total financial appropriation for the support from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund, the national co-financing for the operational programme and for each priority axis and the amounts related to the performance reserve**

Priority axis	Fund	Category of region	Basis for calculation of Union support (Total eligible cost or public eligible cost)	Union support	National counterpart	Indicative breakdown of national counterpart		Total funding	Co-financing rate	100% co-financing rate for accounting year 2020-2021*	For information EIB contribution	Main allocation (total funding less performance reserve)		Performance reserve		Performance reserve amount as proportion of total Union support
						National public funding	National private funding (1)					Union support	National counterpart	Union support	National counterpart <sup>1</sup>	
				(a)	(b) = (c) + (d) (1)	(c)	(d)	(e) = (a) + (b)	(f) = (a)/(e) (2)		(g)	(b)-(a)-(j)	(i) = (b) - (k)	(j)	(k) = (b) * ((j)/(a))	(l) = (j)/(a) * 100
1	ERDF	More developed	Public	157 848 500	27 855 618	27 855 618	0	185 704 118	85,00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		156 588 500	27 633 265	1 260 000	222 353	0,80 %
2	ERDF	More developed	Public	33 500 000	5 911 765	5 911 765	0	39 411 765	85,00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		31 490 000	5 557 059	2 010 000	354 706	6,00 %
3	CF		Public	0	0	0	0	0	0,00 %	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0	0,00 %	
3A	ERDF	More developed	Public	25 799 542	4 552 861	4 552 861	0	30 352 403	85,00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23 996 339	4 234 649	1 803 203	318 212	6,99%
4A	CF		Public	113 827 323	20 087 175	20 087 175	0	133 914 498	85,00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		106 811 308	18 849 055	7 016 015	1 238 120	6,16%

<sup>1</sup> The national counterpart is divided pro-rata between the main allocation and the performance reserve.

Priority axis	Fund	Category of region	Basis for calculation of Union support (Total eligible cost or public eligible cost)	Union support	National counterpart	Indicative breakdown of national counterpart		Total funding	Co-financing rate	100% co-financing rate for year 2020-2021*	For information EIB contribution	Main allocation (total funding less performance reserve)		Performance reserve		Performance reserve amount as proportion of total Union support
						National public funding	National private funding (1)					Union support	National counterpart	Union support	National counterpart	
4B	ERDF	More developed	Public	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0	0	0.00 %
5	CF		Public	129 497 567	22 852 512	22 852 512	0	152 350 079	85.00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		120 982 211	21 349 802	8 515 356	1 502 710	6.58%
6	ERDF	More developed	Public	76 401 500	13 482 618	13 482 618	0	89 884 118	85.00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		63 480 790	11 202 493	12 920 710	2 280 125	16.91%
7A	ERDF	More developed	Public	6 349 018	1 120 415	1 120 415	0	7 469 433	85.00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		6 349 018	1 120 415			
7B	CF		Public	15 531 302	2 740 818	2 740 818	0	18 272 120	85.00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		15 531 302	2 740 818			
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>	<b>More developed</b>		<b>299 898 560</b>	<b>52 923 278</b>	<b>52 923 278</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>352 821 838</b>	<b>85.00%</b>			<b>281 904 647</b>	<b>49 747 882</b>	<b>17 993 913</b>	<b>3 175 396</b>	<b>6.00 %</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>CF</b>			<b>258 856 192</b>	<b>45 680 505</b>	<b>45 680 505</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>304 536 697</b>	<b>85.00%</b>			<b>243 324 821</b>	<b>42 939 675</b>	<b>15 531 371</b>	<b>2 740 830</b>	<b>6.00 %</b>
<b>Grand total</b>				<b>558 754 752</b>	<b>98 603 782</b>	<b>98 603 782</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>657 358 534</b>	<b>85.00%</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>525 229 468</b>	<b>92 687 556</b>	<b>33 525 284</b>	<b>5 916 226</b>	<b>6.00%</b>

(1) To be completed only when priority axes are expressed in total costs.

(2) This rate may be rounded to the nearest whole number in the table. The precise rate used to reimburse payments is the ratio (f).

\* By ticking the box the Member State requests to apply, pursuant to Article 25a(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, a co-financing rate of 100% to expenditure declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting on 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021 for all priority axes of the operational programme.