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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on the establishment of a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 17(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2021. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out in the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment pursuant to Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (6) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p. 1.

- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EU4Health Programme Committee established by Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522.
- (8) On 18 June 2021, the Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2021) 4349. Upon closer inspection, it was discovered that, due to a clerical error, the Annex to Implementing Decision C(2021) 4349 did not reflect the version of the EU4Health 2021 work programme on which the EU4Health Programme Committee delivered its opinion on 9 June 2021. It is therefore appropriate to repeal Decision C(2021) 4349 and replace it by this Decision with the correct version of the aforementioned Annex.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### *The work programme for 2021*

The annual financing decision, constituting the 2021 work programme for the implementation of the EU4Health Programme for the period 2021-2027, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

#### *Article 2*

##### *Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the EU4Health Programme for 2021 is set at EUR 311 684 898 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union: budget line 06.06 01: EUR 311 684 898.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

#### *Article 3*

##### *Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons*

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point E of that Annex.

#### *Article 4*

##### *Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes 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 Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes to the allocations referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

*Article 5*

*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 the Annex.

*Article 6*

*Repeal and replacement*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 4349 of 18 June 2021 is repealed.

Done at Brussels, 24.6.2021

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*