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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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013² (“Regulation (EU) 2021/695”), and in particular Article 8, paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2021/764 of 10 May 2021 establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and repealing Decision 2013/743/EU³ (“Council Decision (EU) 2021/764”), and in particular Article 13(2), point (b), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision C(2022)7550 final⁴ sets out in Annexes I-XIII the work programme for 2023-2024, within the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe, for the programme parts ‘General Introduction’, ‘Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions’, ‘Research infrastructures’, ‘Health’, ‘Culture, creativity and inclusive society’, ‘Civil security for society’, ‘Digital, industry and space’, ‘Climate, energy and mobility’, ‘Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment’, ‘European innovation ecosystems’, ‘Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area’, ‘Missions’ and ‘General Annexes’ (parts 1-13 respectively).
- (2) As regards part 3 ‘Research Infrastructures’, new grants are needed to strengthen the international dimension of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) and/or the European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) research infrastructures and to fund the International Conference on Research Infrastructures

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1.

³ OJ L 167, 12.5.2021, p. 1.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)7550 of 6 December 2022 on the adoption of the work programme for 2023-2024 within the framework of the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and on its financing.

(ICRI) and a Belgian Presidency of the Council conference on research infrastructures in the first half of 2024.

- (3) As regards part 4 ‘Health’, it is necessary to modify the call planning of the topic ‘Partnerships in Health’ and some details of the topic ‘Tackling high-burden for patients, under-researched medical conditions’ in the light of new information.
- (4) As regards part 6 ‘Civil security for society’, Decision C(2022)7550 final affirmed the Commission’s commitment to security research and set out its intention to propose to the Horizon Europe Programme Committee by the end of 2022 an amendment to the work programme to increase the budget for this Cluster. As a result, it is now necessary to add new topics and increase the budget to support the better protection of the EU and its citizens against crime and terrorism, the effective management of EU external borders, resilient infrastructure, increased cybersecurity, the disaster resilience of European society, and the strengthening of security research and innovation.
- (5) As regards part 7 ‘Digital, Industry and Space’, it is necessary to correct a number of clerical errors including to align specific conditions of some topics to the common Horizon Europe approach, to modify the call planning for the topic ‘Support for transnational activities of National Contact Points in the thematic areas of Digital, Industry and Space’.
- (6) For part 8 ‘Climate, energy and mobility’, it is necessary to increase the budget of some actions to ensure the full implementation of the final budget for 2023, and to address digital solutions for defining synergies in international renewable energy value chains and support the SET Plan Implementation Working Group on hydrogen by adding a new grant topic and public procurement action
- (7) As regards part 9 ‘Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment’, it is also necessary to correct some clerical errors, modify the budget allocation to two actions and to advance the call planning as well as clarify eligibility conditions for supporting the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance and Declaration, in the light of new international developments.
- (8) As regards part 10 ‘European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE)’, it is necessary to add a new action for the Joint Research Centre to offer technical and scientific services in relation to regional innovation valleys, to modify the call planning and to clarify eligibility conditions regarding consortium composition.
- (9) As regards part 11 ‘Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area’, in the light of new developments it is necessary to modify the beneficiaries of some actions supporting European science and researchers, to add a new action to support the Week of Innovative Regions in Europe conference with the Hungarian Presidency of the Council in 2024, to fine-tune the wording of some actions addressing gender equality in research, to withdraw the action on emerging needs of the ERA policy action, and to adjust the budget accordingly.
- (10) As regards part 12 ‘Missions’, it is necessary to include information on the award of Climate City Contracts and the Cities Mission Label in connection with the Mission ‘100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030’.
- (11) The work programme should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication ‘The European Green Deal’⁵ and in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament,

⁵ COM (2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁶. The General Introduction to this work programme sets out the contribution to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming and the application of the ‘Do no harm’ principle.

- (12) To reflect all the changes, Annex I (‘General Introduction’), Annex III (‘Research infrastructures’), Annex IV (‘Health’), Annex VI (‘Civil security for society’), Annex VII (‘Digital, industry and space’), Annex VIII (‘Climate, energy and mobility’), Annex IX (‘Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment’), Annex X (‘European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE)’), Annex XI (‘Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area’) and Annex XII (‘Missions’) to Decision C(2022)7550 final should be amended accordingly.
- (13) Decision C(2022)7550 final allocates to the work programme for 2023-2024 a total of EUR 7 572 593 690.00 from the 2023 budget and a total of EUR 5 892 555 932.00 from the 2024 budget.
- (14) In view of the requirement for timely and comprehensive implementation and the need for additional funding, the total amount allocated to the work programme for 2023-2024 should be increased by an amount of EUR 29 500 000.00 from the 2023 budget allocated and should be increased by an amount of EUR 25 340 000.00 from the 2024 budget. The new total amount from the 2023 budget should therefore be set at EUR 7 602 093 690.00 and a total of EUR 5 917 895 932.00 should be allocated from the 2024 budget. It is appropriate to clarify that the new total amounts are without prejudice to Union contributions in respect transfers of resources used for the benefit of a Member State in accordance with Article 15(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 and identify the relevant budget lines for those appropriations.
- (15) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Programme Committee established by Article 14 of Council Decision 2021/764/EU.
- (16) Decision C(2022)7550 final should be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2022)7550 final is amended as follows:

- (1) In Article 2, paragraph 1 relating to the 2023 budget is replaced by the following:
 - ‘1. The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the actions in the framework of the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe for 2023 is set at EUR 7 602 093 690.00, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:
 - (a) budget line 01.020102: EUR 889 101 000.00;
 - (b) budget line 01.020103: EUR 320 260 000.00;

⁶ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

- (c) budget line 01.020210: EUR 1 010 447 782.00, of which EUR 454 190 735.00 from NGEU appropriations;
- (d) budget line 01.020220: EUR 284 882 415.00;
- (e) budget line 01.020230: EUR 186 598 454.00;
- (f) budget line 01.020240: EUR 1 677 017 997.00 , of which EUR 453 704 557.00 from NGEU appropriations;
- (g) budget line 01.020250: EUR 1 662 474 731.00, of which EUR 452 975 495.00 from NGEU appropriations;
- (h) budget line 01.020260: EUR 1 056 441 235.00;
- (i) budget line 01.020302: EUR 69 790 076.00;
- (j) budget line 01.020401: EUR 393 750 000.00;
- (k) budget line 01.020402: EUR 51 330 000.00.

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

The implementation of this Decision for 2023 is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2023.’

(2) In Article 2, paragraph 2 relating to the 2024 budget is replaced by the following:

‘The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the actions in the framework of the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe for 2024 is set at EUR 5 917 895 932.00, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 01.020102: EUR 913 157 000.00;
- (b) budget line 01.020103: EUR 336 890 000.00;
- (c) budget line 01.020210: EUR 521 198 929.00;
- (d) budget line 01.020220: EUR 260 150 000.00;
- (e) budget line 01.020230: EUR 196 289 000.00;
- (f) budget line 01.020240: EUR 1 117 000 000.00;
- (g) budget line 01.020250: EUR 1 114 885 000.00;
- (h) budget line 01.020260: EUR 902 400 000.00;
- (i) budget line 01.020301: EUR 25 000 000.00;
- (j) budget line 01.020302: EUR 90 826 003.00;
- (k) budget line 01.020401: EUR 404 130 000.00;
- (l) budget line 01.020402: EUR 35 970 000.00.

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

The implementation of this Decision for 2024 is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2024, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.’

(3) In Article 2, the following paragraph 3 is added:

‘Paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of this Article are without prejudice to Union contributions in respect of transferred resources that are used for the benefit of a Member State in accordance with Article 15(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695, and which are financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

(a) 05.020900 — Horizon Europe — Contribution from the ERDF

(b) 05.030700 — Horizon Europe — Contribution from the Cohesion Fund (CF).’

(4) Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision.

(5) Annex III is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

(6) Annex IV is replaced by the text set out in Annex III to this Decision.

(7) Annex VI is replaced by the text set out in Annex IV to this Decision.

(8) Annex VII is replaced by the text set out in Annex V to this Decision.

(9) Annex VIII is replaced by the text set out in Annex VI to this Decision.

(10) Annex IX is replaced by the text set out in Annex VII to this Decision.

(11) Annex X is replaced by the text set out in Annex VIII to this Decision.

(12) Annex XI is replaced by the text set out in Annex IX to this Decision.

(13) Annex XII is replaced by the text set out in Annex X to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 31.3.2023

For the Commission
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