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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 1083/2006¹, and in particular Article 96(10) thereof,

Having consulted the ESF Committee,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 10170, as amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2017) 8401, certain elements of the operational programme "Attica" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the European Social Fund ('ESF') under the Investment for growth and jobs goal for the region Attica in Greece were approved.
- (2) On 13 July 2018 Greece 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 Greece proposed an amendment to the elements of the operational programme referred to in points (a), (b)(i) to (v) and (c)(iv) of the first subparagraph of Article 96(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2014) 10170. The amendment of the operational programme consists mainly of the introduction of a new investment priority (IP 7e) for priority axis 7 "Enhancing regional mobility and multi-modal transport connections of the Attica region", reduction of the total indicative amount of support envisaged for climate change objectives, adjustments to the target values of certain output indicators and modifications to the performance framework.
- (3) 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 adapt the programme to changes in economic conditions, introduce adjustments to the

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

performance framework and indicators due to methodology errors and to take into account the finalisation of national and regional strategic frameworks, including the Smart Specialisation Strategy and the National Waste Management Plan, and 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 and Regulations (EU) No 1301/2013² and (EU) No 1304/2013³ of the European Parliament and of the Council, the horizontal principles referred to in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, as well as of the Partnership Agreement with Greece approved by Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 7801, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 1573.

- (4) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee by written procedure on 11 July 2018 examined and approved the proposal for the amendment to the operational programme, taking into account the text of the revised operational programme.
- (5) According to its assessment, the Commission noted that the amendment to the operational programme affects the information provided in the Partnership Agreement with Greece in accordance with point (a)(iv) of Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. It should be taken into account for the annual amendment of the Partnership Agreement in accordance with Article 16(4a) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (6) The Commission assessed the revised operational programme and made observations pursuant to the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 30(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on 3 August 2018. Greece provided supplementary information and submitted a modified version of the revised operational programme on 26 November 2018.
- (7) 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.
- (8) In accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 65(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, it is appropriate to fix the date as of which the expenditure that becomes eligible as a result of the amendment to the operational programme covered by this Decision shall be eligible.
- (9) Implementing Decision C(2014) 10170 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of the Implementing Decision C(2014) 10170, the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

² 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).

³ Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).

"The following elements of the operational programme "Attica" for joint support from the ERDF and the ESF under the Investment for growth and jobs goal for the region of Attica in Greece for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 14 December 2014, as last amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 26 November 2018, are hereby approved".

Article 2

Expenditure that becomes eligible as a result of an amendment to the programme "Attica" approved by this Decision shall be eligible from 13 July 2018.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 12.12.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

