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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) 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 Union¹, and in particular Articles 54 (2) (a) and 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The pilot project “Feasibility study to finance low cost energy efficiency measures in low income households from EU funds” has been adopted in the budget 2015 with the aim of developing a comparative study analysing options and instruments allowing to finance low-cost energy efficiency measures, using EU funds, in the segment of low-income households.
- (2) Another pilot project “Fuel/Energy poverty – assessment of the impact of the crisis and review of existing and possible new measures in the Member States” was also adopted in the budget 2015. The objective is to identify common indicators and criteria for assessing energy poverty and vulnerability and based on that to collect comparable information (e.g. through an observatory) mapping the energy poverty in Europe.
- (3) In order to ensure the implementation of the pilot projects, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision for 2015. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012² establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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) No 1268/2012.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012

² 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 OJ L 362, 31.12.2002

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Implementation of the pilot projects

The financing decision for the pilot projects in the field of energy, as set out in Annexes 1 and 2, is hereby adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the pilot projects for the year 2015 is set at EUR 1,120,000, and shall be financed from the budget lines 32.027707 (EUR 120,000) and 32.027708 (EUR 1,000,000) of the general budget of the European Union for 2015.

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

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes in the allocations for specific measures not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution authorised by this Decision provided for in Article 2 shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 1268/2012, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the pilot projects.

In implementing the decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the types of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 16.6.2015

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission