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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014¹, and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 347/2013² of European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 (hereinafter the 'TEN-E Regulation') and in particular Articles 14 and 15 thereof, and Commission delegated Regulation (EU) No 2020/389³ of 31.10.2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure as regards the Union list of projects of common interest,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 2018/1046⁴ 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, and in particular Article 110, thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of CEF Energy, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2021-2027. 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 by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation indirect management may be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (4) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 116 of the Financial Regulation.

¹ OJ L 249 of 14.7.2021, p. 38.

² OJ L 115 of 25.4.2013, p.39

³ OJ L 74 of 11.3.2020, p. 1–19

⁴ OJ L 298 of 26.10.2012, p.1

- (5) 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.
- (6) The implementation of this Decision contributes to the enabling framework for renewable energy pursuant to Article 3(5) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the CEF Coordination Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of trans-European energy infrastructure and cross-border projects in the field of renewable energy under the Connecting Europe Facility for years 2021-2027, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for the years 2021-2027 authorised is set at EUR 2 402 627 500 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2022-2027 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

The detailed breakdown is included in point 2 of the Annex.

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 6.3 of that Annex.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to the action not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 are not considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 110 of the Rules of Application, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and

objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 may not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such changes in accordance with the principle of sound financial management and the principle of proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 6.8.2021

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission