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## **amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)9252 of 06.12.2022 on the financing of the multiannual action plan in favour of the Asia-Pacific region for 2022-2023**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

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 541/201/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Articles 23 (1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2022)9252 of 06.12.2022 the Commission has adopted the the multiannual action plan in favour of the Asia-Pacific region for 2022-2023.
- (2) The subject of the present substantial amendment is to modify the Action Document for ‘Global Gateway: India’ presented in Annex I of the abovementioned Commission Decision, in order to: (1) allow the provision of grants as an implementation modality, (2) include a top-up of EUR 1 000 000 and (3) extend by one-year the implementation period.
- (3) This amendment will support the achievement of the specific objectives and expected results of the Regional MIP for Asia and the Pacific 2021-2027, namely Sustainable Modernisation (SO1), and Good Governance /inclusive and participatory decision-making processes (SO3/ER3).
- (4) The theme of the amendment is aligned with the two specific objectives of the Action and feeds into/builds on a number of indicative activities across most outputs. It will support Policy Output 6: Digital/ICT Partnerships, more specifically by contributing to facilitate the exchange, convergence and standardisation of best practices on digital policy and regulation.
- (5) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (6) Through this direct award with the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), the EU will promote EU standards, and multi-stakeholder partnerships using its access to the most up-to-date information on global ICT standards, and competitive

advantage through early standard adoption and its capacities to network with similar setups across countries.

- (7) Therefore, Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)9252 of 06.12.2022 should be amended accordingly.
- (8) The amendment provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of amendments for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this amending decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)9252 of 06.12.2022 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following article:

“The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of the Asia-Pacific region for 2022-2023 is set at EUR 85 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line BGUE-B2022-14.020130 (Middle East and Central Asia): EUR 44 800 000;
- (b) budget line BGUE-B2022-14.020131 (South and East Asia): EUR 15 700 000;
- (c) budget line BGUE-B2023-14.020131 (South and East Asia): EUR 23 500 000;
- (d) budget line BGUE-B2024-14.020131 (South and East Asia): EUR 1 000 000.

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

- (2) The following Article 5 ‘Grants’ is added to the decision:

“Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex.”

- (3) Annex I to the Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)9252 of 06.12.2022 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 17.7.2024

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