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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(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)², and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision C(2024) 2133 final³, the Commission adopted the multi-country multiannual action plan in support of the Western Balkans Investment Framework in favour of the Western Balkans for 2024–2027 and provisioning of the Common Provisioning Fund for 2024-2027.
- (2) It is necessary to modify the multi-country multiannual action plan in support of the Western Balkans Investment Framework in favour of the Western Balkans for 2024–2027 and provisioning of the Common Provisioning Fund for 2024-2027 and its Annex “EU Contribution to the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) 2024-2027” in order to:
- (3) Reallocate funds in the action - Annex “EU contribution to the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) 2024-2027” - for a total of EUR 11 300 000 (EUR 10 578 878 is reallocated from WBIF Infrastructure Investment (Indirect Management) and EUR 721 122 is reallocated from WBIF Private Sector Development (Indirect Management). EUR 10 400 000 is allocated to Guarantee – Financial instrument (Indirect Management), and EUR 900 000 is allocated to WBIF Private Sector Development (procurement direct management). Such adjustments will provide a better match of the actual needs for financing of the WBIF Infrastructure Investment and Private Sector Development components.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision of C(2024) 2133 of 2.4.2024 on the financing of the multi-country multiannual action plan in support of the Western Balkans Investment Framework in favour of the Western Balkans for 2024–2027 and provisioning of the Common Provisioning Fund for 2024-2027.

- (4) De-commit the Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2024-2027 by EUR 4 421 122 for year 2024. The decrease of the Union contribution for year 2024 will free IPA annual allocations to cater for other additional priority areas.
- (5) Decrease the EU contribution for the provisioning of the Common Provisioning Fund EFSD+ compartment by EUR 193 000 000 for the years 2025-2027 as follows: In 2025, the allocation is reduced by EUR 64 000 000 from EUR 215 100 074 to EUR 151 100 074. In 2026, the allocation is reduced by EUR 62 123 594 from EUR 215 100 074 to EUR 152 976 480. In 2027, the allocation is reduced by EUR 66 876 406 from EUR 305 541 868 to EUR 238 665 462. In addition, the ELM legacy in GFEA compartment requires a decrease of EUR 9 922 111 for year 2025. The decrease of the EU contribution for the provisioning of the Common Provisioning Fund will align with the Union contribution need for credits, as calculated by the Commission central service, for the External Lending Mandate (ELM), and the EFSD+ for Western Balkans.
- (6) Establishment of a new financial instrument with Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) “Guarantee – Financial instrument”. The establishment of the new financial instrument will contribute to the objectives of supporting social entrepreneurship and social enterprises, a limited and niche market in the Western Balkans.
- (7) Therefore, Decision C(2024) 2133 final should be amended accordingly.
- (8) The proposed assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- (9) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2024) 2133 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2, 3 and 6 are replaced by the following:

“Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2024-2027 is set at EUR 1 004 578 878 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 15 02 02 01 of the general budget of the Union. The breakdown of planned annual instalments is as follows: EUR 260 578 878 for 2024, EUR 290 000 000 for 2025, EUR 248 000 000 for 2026, EUR 206 000 000 for 2027.

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 as provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2026 - 2027 following the adoption of those budgets by the budget authority.

Article 3

Provisioning for budgetary guarantees

The maximum Union contribution for the provisioning of the Common Provisioning Fund for 2024-2027 is set at EUR 724 776 937 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 15 02 02 03 of the general budget of the Union⁴. The breakdown of planned annual instalments is as follows: EUR 182 034 921 for year 2024, EUR 151 100 074 for year 2025, EUR 152 976 480 for year 2026, and EUR 238 665 462 for year 2027.

Article 6

Financial instruments

The Guarantee – Financial instrument is established.

The provision of financial support by means of the Guarantee - Financial instrument for the amount set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3.3.5 of the Annex : EU Contribution to the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) 2024-2027.”

(2) The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 16.7.2025

For the Commission

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The Provisioning for budgetary guarantees is separated from the union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2024-2027 set out in Article 2.