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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) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the individual measure for the Technical Assistance in support of the implementation of the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) in Türkiye, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which is to constitute the annual work programme for 2024, in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('the Financial Regulation').
- (2) The envisaged assistance should 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<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The measure provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate, biodiversity and gender-equality mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication 'The European Green Deal'<sup>4</sup> and in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1529/oj>.

<sup>3</sup> See [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu). The sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

<sup>4</sup> COM(2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

<sup>5</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources (OJ L 433I , 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_interinstit/2020/1222/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2020/1222/oj)).

- (4) The Commission has adopted a Pre-Accession Assistance ('IPA III') Programming Framework<sup>6</sup> for the period 2021–2027, which identifies five thematic windows for the delivery of the specific objectives and thematic priorities of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529.
- (5) The objective pursued by the individual measure is to enable the implementation of the EFSD+ Guarantee programmes by enhancing the investment projects that benefit from the guarantee with policy dialogue and ecosystem development, project preparation and implementation, and capacity building.
- (6) The objective of the action entitled “Technical Assistance in support of the implementation of the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) in Türkiye” is to enhance the EFSD+ Guarantee programmes by promoting a dialogue with public authorities and reinforcing the ecosystem, by covering the activities preceding the actual investment, generally to make the investment “bankable”, and ensuring a correct implementation, in line with international standards, and by furthering the impact of the financial instrument at the level of financial intermediaries and/or final beneficiaries, in order to increase the sustainability of the interventions under the EFSD+ Guarantee and ensuring the good implementation and monitoring of the EFSD+ Guarantee.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 62(1), point (c), of the Financial Regulation and Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529, indirect management may be used for the implementation of the individual measure.
- (8) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to persons and entities entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, and before a contribution agreement can be signed, such persons and entities are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 157(4)<sup>7</sup> of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (9) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (10) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the individual measure, it is appropriate to determine the changes, which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (11) In accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529, the individual measure provided for in this Decision has not been submitted to the IPA III committee indicated in Article 17 of the same Regulation for opinion, as the budget allocated to this individual measure is below the required EUR 5 million threshold. The IPA III committee will be duly informed after the adoption of this Decision,

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<sup>6</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 8914 of 10 December 2021 on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) Programming Framework for the period 2021-2027.

<sup>7</sup> Except for the cases referred to in Article 157(7) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide not to require an ex-ante assessment.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The individual measure*

The annual Financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the individual measure for the Technical Assistance in support of the implementation of the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) in Türkiye, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The individual measure shall consist of the action set out in the Annex.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the individual measure for 2024 is set at EUR 2 625 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 15.020201 of the general budget of the Union.

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

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

Increases<sup>8</sup> or decreases of up to EUR 2 million and not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

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<sup>8</sup> These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.

*Article 4*  
*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 4.3.1 of the Annex in accordance with Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529.

Done at Brussels, 20.12.2024

*For the Commission*  
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