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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046¹ 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, (the 'Financial Regulation'), and and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/817² of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing Erasmus+: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 and Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (the 'Erasmus+ Regulation'), and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529³ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III), and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/947⁴ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 09 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (the 'NDICI – Global Europe'), amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009, and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060⁵ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In order to ensure the implementation of Erasmus+ Programme, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for

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¹OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1

²OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p.1

³OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1

⁴OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1

⁵OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159

- 2025. Article 110 of 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) The work programme contributes to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal and the inter-institutional agreement.
- (4) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation and Article 18 of the Erasmus+ Regulation, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (6) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation⁶ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulation before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 34 of the Erasmus+ Regulation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme for year 2025, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2 Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2025 is set at EUR 4 954 346 300 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following budget lines of the general budget of the Union:

• **07 02 13** - Erasmus+ - Contribution from the ESF+: **EUR 8 000 000**;

⁶Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment

- 07 03 01 01 Promoting learning mobility of individuals, as well as cooperation, inclusion, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training— indirect management: EUR 3 434 533 000;
- 07 03 01 02 Promoting learning mobility of individuals, as well as cooperation, inclusion, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training direct management: EUR 557 168 300;
- **07 03 02** Promoting non-formal learning mobility and active participation among young people, as well as cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth: **EUR 459 870 000**;
- 07 03 03 Promoting learning mobility of sport coaches and staff, as well as cooperation, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of sport organisations and sport policies: EUR 80 775 000;
- 14 02 01 50 Erasmus+ NDICI Global Europe contribution: EUR 346 000 000;
- 15 02 01 02 Erasmus+ contribution from IPA III: EUR 68 000 000.

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 draft general budget of the Union for 2025, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths. Likewise, it is subject to the availability of the appropriations and contributions of EFTA and other participating countries to the programme.

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 1.3 of that Annex.

Article 4 Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%. These changes and increases are possible only within Headings.

As regards actions implemented by national agencies under Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation, changes to the distribution of funds among programme countries are not considered to be substantial, provided that a possible budget change for a country does not exceed 20% of the total funds implemented under Article 62(1)(c).

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

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in Part I, point 1.3 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 11.10.2024

For the Commission Iliana IVANOVA Member of the Commission