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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006¹, and in particular Article 96(10) thereof,

Having consulted the ESF Committee,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 10180, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 94, certain elements of the operational programme "Western Macedonia" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the European Social Fund ('ESF') under the Investment for growth and jobs goal for the region of Western Macedonia in Greece were approved.
- (2) On 23 June 2020 Greece submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, a request for an amendment to the operational programme. The request was accompanied by a revised operational programme, in which Greece proposed an amendment to the elements of the operational programme referred to in points (b)(iv) and (v), and (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 96(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2014) 10180.
- (3) The amendment to the operational programme consists in the transfer of the ERDF resources available for programming for the year 2020 from the operational programme "Western Macedonia" to the operational programme "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation" (CCI 2014GR16M2OP001). The transfer of resources does not include a change in the allocation by category of regions.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

- (4) The amendment to the operational programme consists, in addition, in the modification of several programme indicators under priority axes 3 "Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises", 7 "Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures" and 11 "Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning" and of several indicators of the performance framework.
- (5) In accordance with Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the request for the amendment to the operational programme is duly justified by the response to the COVID-19 outbreak and in particular, the need to allocate additional resources to the operational programme "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation" in order to finance the business support measures within the frame of the dedicated, national support programme. The programme indicators are also modified to reflect the transfer of funds. The amendment to the operational programme sets out the expected impact of the changes to the programme on achieving the Union's strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and the specific objectives defined in the programme, taking account of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Regulations (EU) No 1301/2013² and (EU) No 1304/2013³ of the European Parliament and of the Council, as well as of the horizontal principles referred to in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (6) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee by written procedure on 22 June 2020 examined and approved the proposal for the amendment to the operational programme, taking into account the text of the revised operational programme and its financing plan.
- (7) The Commission assessed the revised operational programme and did not make observations pursuant to the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 30(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (8) The amended elements of the revised operational programme subject to the Commission's approval under Article 96(10) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be approved.
- (9) Implementing Decision C(2014) 10180 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2014) 10180 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 1, the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

"The following elements of the operational programme "Western Macedonia" for joint support from the ERDF and the ESF under the Investment for growth and jobs goal for the region Western Macedonia in Greece for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 13 December 2014, as last

² Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 289).

³ Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).

amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 23 June 2020, are hereby approved:";

2. in Article 4, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"2. The total financial appropriation for the operational programme is set at EUR 235 556 902, to be financed from the following specific budget lines in accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2014:

13 03 61: EUR 210 213 723 (ERDF – Transition regions);

04 02 61: EUR 25 343 179 (ESF – Transition regions).";

3. Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision;

4. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 9.7.2020

For the Commission

Elisa FERREIRA

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For the Secretary-General,

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Director of the Registry
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ANNEX I
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Total financial appropriation from the ERDF and the ESF and the amounts related to the performance reserve per year (in EUR)

Fund	Category of region	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Total	
		Main allocation ¹	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve
ERDF	In transition regions	32 256 729	2 107 538	32 106 006	2 098 064	32 299 902	2 110 904	33 158 392	2 167 495	33 630 368	2 198 386	33 866 122	2 213 817	0	197 317 519	12 896 204	
	Total	32 256 729	2 107 538	32 106 006	2 098 064	32 299 902	2 110 904	33 158 392	2 167 495	33 630 368	2 198 386	33 866 122	2 213 817	0	197 317 519	12 896 204	
ESF ²	In transition regions	3 080 551	202 325	2 756 896	180 767	2 636 598	172 730	3 780 854	246 938	3 812 144	248 915	3 844 086	250 968	3 876 380	23 787 509	1 555 670	
	Total	3 080 551	202 325	2 756 896	180 767	2 636 598	172 730	3 780 854	246 938	3 812 144	248 915	3 844 086	250 968	3 876 380	23 787 509	1 555 670	
Total		35 337 280	2 309 863	34 862 902	2 278 831	34 936 500	2 283 634	36 939 246	2 414 433	37 442 512	2 447 301	37 710 208	2 464 785	3 876 380	221 105 028	14 451 874	

¹ Total allocation (Union support) less allocation to the performance reserve.

² Total allocation from the ESF, including ESF support matching the specific allocation for the YEI. The columns for the performance reserve do not include ESF support matching the specific allocation for the YEI, as this is excluded from the performance reserve.

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ANNEX II
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Total financial appropriation for the support from the ERDF and the ESF, the national co-financing for the operational programme and for each priority axis and the amounts related to the performance reserve

Priority axis	Fund	Category of region	Basis for calculation of Union support (Total eligible cost or public eligible cost)	Union support (a)	National counterpart (b) = (c) + (d)	Indicative breakdown of national counterpart		Total funding (e) = (a) + (b)	Co-financing rate (f) = (a) / (e) (2)	100% co-financing rate for year 2020-2021 (3)	EIB contributions (g)	Main allocation		Performance reserve		Performance reserve amount as proportion of total Union support (l) = (j) / (a) * 100
						National public funding (c)	National private funding (d) (1)					Union support (a) - (j)	National Counterpart (i) = (b) - (k)	Union support (j)	National Counterpart ¹ (k) = (b) * (j) / (a)	
1	ERDF	Transition	Public	7 770 267	1 942 567	1 942 567	0	9 712 834	80,00%			7 770 267	1 942 567	0	0	0%
2	ERDF	Transition	Public	7 770 267	1 942 567	1 942 567	0	9 712 834	80,00%			7 770 267	1 942 567	0	0	0%
3	ERDF	Transition	Public	15 310 802	3 827 701	3 827 701	0	19 138 503	80,00%			15 310 802	3 827 701	0	0	0%
4	ERDF	Transition	Public	21 981 024	5 495 256	5 495 256	0	27 476 280	80,00%			21 981 024	5 495 256	0	0	0%
5	ERDF	Transition	Public	16 766 030	4 191 508	4 191 508	0	20 957 538	80,00%			16 766 030	4 191 508	0	0	0%
6	ERDF	Transition	Public	55 630 836	13 907 710	13 907 710	0	69 538 546	80,00%			55 630 836	13 907 710	0	0	0%
7	ERDF	Transition	Public	30 786 079	7 696 521	7 696 521	0	38 482 600	80,00%			22 760 275	5 690 070	8 025 804	2 006 451	26,07%
8	ESF	Transition	Public	1 807 538	451 885	451 885	0	2 259 423	80,00%			1 807 538	451 885	0	0	0%
9	ERDF	Transition	Public	22 300 560	5 575 141	5 575 141	0	27 875 701	80,00%			17 430 160	4 357 541	4 870 400	1 217 600	21,84%
10	ESF	Transition	Public	23 189 708	5 797 428	5 797 428	0	28 987 136	80,00%			21 634 038	5 408 510	1 555 670	388 918	6,71%

¹ The national counterpart is divided pro-rata between the main allocation and the performance reserve.

Priority axis	Fund	Category of region	Basis for calculation of Union support (Total eligible cost or public eligible cost)	Union support (a)	National counterpart (b) = (c) + (d)	Indicative breakdown of national counterpart		Total funding (e) = (a) + (b)	Co-financing rate (f) = (a) / (e) (2)	100% co-financing rate for year 2020-2021 (3)	EIB contributions (g)	Main allocation		Performance reserve		Performance reserve amount as proportion of total Union support (h) = (j) / (a) * 100
						National public funding (c)	National private funding (d) (1)					Union support (b) = (a) - (j)	National Counterpart (i) = (b) - (k)	Union support (j)	National Counterpart ¹ (k) = (b) * (j) / (a)	
11	ERDF	Transition	Public	27 374 034	6 843 509	0	0	34 217 543	80,00%			27 374 034	6 843 509	0	0	0,00%
12	ERDF	Transition	Public	4 523 824	1 130 957	0	0	5 654 781	80,00%			4 523 824	1 130 957			
13	ESF	Transition	Public	345 933	86 484	0	0	432 417	80,00%			345 933	86 484			
Total	ERDF	Transition		210 213 723	52 553 437	0	0	262 767 160	80,00%			197 317 519	49 329 386	12 896 204	3 224 051	6,13%
Total	ESF²	Transition		25 343 179	6 335 797	0	0	31 678 976	80,00%			23 787 509	5 946 879	1 555 670	388 918	6,14%
Grand total				235 556 902	58 889 234	0	0	294 446 136	80,00%		0	221 105 028	55 276 265	14 451 874	3 612 969	

(1) To be completed only when priority axes are expressed in total costs

(2) This rate may be rounded to the nearest whole number in the table. The precise rate used to reimburse payments is the ratio (f)

(3) By ticking the box the Member State requests to apply, pursuant to Article 25a(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, a co-financing rate of 100% to expenditure declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting on 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021 for all /some of the priority axes of the operational programme.

² ESF allocation without the matching support for the YEI