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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) 4809, certain elements of the operational programme "West 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 West Macedonia in Greece were approved.
- (2) On 10 November 2021 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)(i) to (v) and (d)(ii) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 and points (b) and (c) of paragraph 3 of Article 96 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2014) 10180.
- (3) The amendment to the operational programme consists mainly in the transfer of the ERDF allocation from priority axes 1 "Strengthening research, technological development and innovation", 2 "Enhancing access to, and use and quality of information and communication technologies", 5 "Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management", 6 "Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency", 7 "Promoting sustainable transport

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures", 9 "Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination" and 11 "Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning" to priority axis 3 "Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises". Consequently the budget of most thematic objectives and the corresponding output and result indicators, including the performance framework, have been adjusted.

- (4) 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, in particular, by the need to allocate additional resources to support small and medium-sized enterprises. The programme indicators are modified to reflect the transfer of funds. The request for the amendment 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 and the horizontal principles referred to in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (5) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee by written procedure on 4 November 2021 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 "West Macedonia" for joint support from the ERDF and the ESF under the Investment for growth and jobs goal for the region West 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 amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 10 November 2021, are hereby approved:";
2. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

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).

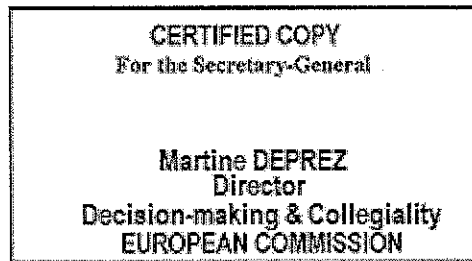
³ Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7.12.2021

For the Commission
Elisa FERREIRA
Member of the Commission



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ANNEX
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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 accounting 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 (h) = (a) - (j)	National Counterpart (i) = (b) - (k)	Union support (j)	National Counterpart ¹ (k) = (b) * ((j) / (a))	
1	ERDF	Transition	Public	6 400 000	1 600 000	1 600 000	0	8 000 000	80,00%			6 400 000	1 600 000	0	0	0%
2	ERDF	Transition	Public	5 600 000	1 400 000	1 400 000	0	7 000 000	80,00%			5 600 000	1 400 000	0	0	0%
3	ERDF	Transition	Public	45 166 028	11 291 510	11 291 510	0	56 457 538	80,00%			45 166 028	11 291 510	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	14 400 000	3 600 000	3 600 000	0	18 000 000	80,00%			14 400 000	3 600 000	0	0	0%
6	ERDF	Transition	Public	44 000 000	11 000 000	11 000 000	0	55 000 000	80,00%			44 000 000	11 000 000	0	0	0%
7	ERDF	Transition	Public	24 000 000	6 000 000	6 000 000	0	30 000 000	80,00%			15 974 196	3 993 549	8 025 804	2 006 451	33,44%
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	20 142 847	5 035 714	5 035 714	0	25 178 561	80,00%			15 272 447	3 818 113	4 870 400	1 217 601	24,18%
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 accounting 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 (h) = (a) - (j)	National Counterpart (i) = (b) - (k)	Union support (j)	National Counterpart ¹ (k) = (b) * ((j) / (a))	
11	ERDF	Transition	Public	24 000 000	6 000 000	6 000 000	0	30 000 000	80,00%			24 000 000	6 000 000	0	0	0,00%
12	ERDF	Transition	Public	4 523 824	1 130 957	1 130 957	0	5 654 781	80,00%			4 523 824	1 130 957			
13	ESF	Transition	Public	345 933	86 484	86 484	0	432 417	80,00%			345 933	86 484			
Total	ERDF	Transition		210 213 723	52 553 437	52 553 437	0	262 767 160	80,00%			197 317 519	49 329 385	12 896 204	3 224 052	6,13%
Total	ESF²	Transition		25 343 179	6 335 797	6 335 797	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	58 889 234	0	294 446 136	80,00%		0	221 105 028	55 276 265	14 451 874	3 612 970	

(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.

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² ESF allocation without the matching support for the YEI