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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport sector, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision which constitutes the multiannual work programme for 2021-2027. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 20(2) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1153, in order to provide transparency and predictability and to enhance the quality of the projects, the first multiannual work programme is to include the timetable of the calls for proposals for the first three years of CEF Transport, their topics and indicative budget as well as a prospective framework covering the entire programming period.
- (3) The objectives and priorities set out in the present multiannual work programme are in line with the Union priorities, notably those related to 'Jobs, growth and investment', 'Digital single market' and 'Energy Union and climate'.
- (4) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (5) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (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.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 38.

- (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 CEF Coordination Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The work programme*

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility – Transport sector for the period 2021-2027, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for the period 2021-2027 is set at EUR 18 212 308 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 02 03 01: CEF Transport General Envelope: EUR 8 767 877 500, of which EUR 154 877 500 for technical and administrative assistance;
- (b) budget line 05 03 03: CEF Transport Cohesion Fund allocation: EUR 8 453 980 500 of which EUR 52 480 500 for technical and administrative assistance;
- (c) budget line 13 04 01: Military mobility: EUR 990 450 000.

The detailed break-down per budget-line, funding objective and call is outlined in section 7 of the Annex.

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

*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 9 of the 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 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%.

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.

*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 entities referred to in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 5.8.2021

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*