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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 1083/2006<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 96(10) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 10160, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 4716, certain elements of the operational programme "Transport Infrastructures, Environment and Sustainable Development" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the Cohesion Fund under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in Greece were approved.
- (2) On 12 November 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) 10160.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 25a(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Greece requests the transfer of the resources available for programming for the year 2020 from the Cohesion Fund to the ERDF from this operational programme to operational programme "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation" (CCI 2014GR16M2OP001).
- (4) The amendment to the operational programme also consists in modifications of several programme output indicators in two priority axes and of some output indicators of the performance framework.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

- (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. In particular, the request for transfer from the Cohesion Fund to the ERDF is duly justified by the need to allocate additional resources to 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 output indicators are also modified to reflect the transfer of funds. The request for 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 1300/2013<sup>2</sup> and (EU) No 1301/2013<sup>3</sup> 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 12 November 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) 10160 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

Implementing Decision C(2014) 10160 is amended as follows:

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

"The following elements of the operational programme "Transport Infrastructures, Environment and Sustainable Development" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the Cohesion Fund under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in Greece for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 15 December 2014, as last amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 12 November 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 3 880 211 941, to be financed from the following specific budget lines in

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<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1300/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 281).

<sup>3</sup> 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).

accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2014:

13 03 60: EUR 778 286 060 (ERDF — Less developed regions)

13 03 61: EUR 216 240 884 (ERDF — Transition regions)

13 03 62: EUR 171 117 704 (ERDF — More developed regions)

13 04 60: EUR 2 714 567 293 (Cohesion Fund).";

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, 27.11.2020

*For the Commission*

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