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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) 10128, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 9115, certain elements of the operational programme “Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning” for support from the European Social Fund ('ESF') and the specific allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative ('YEI') under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in Greece were approved.
- (2) On 1 October 2021, Greece submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, a request for an amendment to this 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 (a), (b)(ii), (iii), (iv), and (v), and (d)(ii) of the first subparagraph of Article 96(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2014) 10128.
- (3) The amendment to the operational programme consists in the modification of the justification for the financial allocation, the performance framework, the financial tables as well as output and result indicator values due to reallocations between the majority of priority axes and thematic objectives without reallocations between Funds and categories of regions, technical adjustments of several indicator target values

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

related to unit costs and measurement methodology and limited changes to the indicative actions to be supported and beneficiaries of priority axes 2, 3, 6 and 7.

- (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 need to distribute support more effectively, better support the objectives of the operational programme and provide additional financial support to specific actions. 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 and Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council², as well as of 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 24 September 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) 10128 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2014) 10128 is amended as follows:

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

“The following elements of the operational programme “Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning” for joint support from the ESF and the specific allocation for the YEI 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 4 December 2014, as last amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 1 October 2021, are hereby approved”;
2. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

² 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, 1.12.2021

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

