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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) 10017, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 9319, certain elements of the operational programme "Competitiveness and Internationalisation" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF'), the European Social Fund ('ESF') and the Cohesion Fund under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in Portugal were approved.
- (2) On 4 June 2021 Portugal 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 Portugal proposed an amendment to the elements of the operational programme referred to in points (a), (b)(i) to (iv) and point (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 96(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2014) 10017.
- (3) The amendment to the operational programme consists in allocating part of the REACT-EU resources made available to Portugal as external assigned revenues in accordance with Article 3(1) of Council Regulation (EU) 2020/2094² under the new thematic objective "Fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

² Council Regulation (EU) 2020/2094 of 14 December 2020 establishing a European Union Recovery Instrument to support the recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis (OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 23).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2014) 10017 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 1, the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:
"The following elements of the operational programme "Competitiveness and Internationalisation" for joint support from the ERDF, the ESF and the Cohesion Fund under the Investment for growth and jobs goal in Portugal and benefitting from the REACT-EU resources for 2021, submitted in its final version on 10 December 2014, as last amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 4 June 2021, are hereby approved:";
2. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"Article 2

The following priority axes shall be supported by the operational programme:

- (a) Priority axis 1 "Reinforcing research, technological development and innovation (TO1)" from the ERDF;
 - (b) Priority axis 2 "Reinforcing SMEs competitiveness including reducing context costs (TO3 and TO2)" from the ERDF;
 - (c) Priority axis 3 "Promoting employment sustainability and quality (TO8)" from the ESF;
 - (d) Priority axis 4 "Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in the main infrastructure networks (TO7)" from the ERDF and Cohesion Fund;
 - (e) Priority axis 5 "Reinforcing the institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and the public administration efficiency (TO11)" from the ESF;
 - (f) Priority axis 6 "Technical assistance" from the ERDF;
 - (g) Priority axis 7 "REACT-EU ERDF (TO13)" from the ERDF REACT-EU;
 - (h) Priority axis 8 "REACT-EU ESF (TO13)" from the ESF REACT-EU.";
3. in Article 4, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"2. The total financial appropriation for the operational programme is set at EUR 5 817 385 816, to be financed from:

(a) the following specific budget lines in accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2014:

13 03 60: EUR 3 435 207 181 (ERDF – Less developed regions);

13 04 60: EUR 578 308 060 (Cohesion Fund);

04 02 60: EUR 369 723 228 (ESF – Less developed regions).

(b) the following REACT-EU resources made available to Portugal in accordance with Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2020/2094 on the following specific budget lines in accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2021:

05 02 05 01: EUR 1 211 044 754 (ERDF REACT-EU);

and its social consequences and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy", and should cover the year 2021.

- (4) The amendment to the operational programme concerning the ERDF REACT-EU resources consists in creating a new priority axis 7 "REACT-EU ERDF (OT13)" providing support in the form of working capital to SMEs, financing COVID vaccines and other COVID-vaccination expenses and, in addition, in supporting investments that contribute towards a climate transition. The amendment to the operational programme concerning the ESF REACT-EU resources consists in creating a new priority axis 8 "REACT-EU ESF (OT13)" supporting job creation and consolidation of apprenticeships. Specific output and result indicators are introduced in priority axes 7 and 8.
- (5) In accordance with Article 30(1) and in accordance with the sixth subparagraph of Article 92b(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the request for the amendment to the operational programme is duly justified by the need to quickly deploy the REACT-EU resources for crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its social consequences and to prepare a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy within the current programming period. The request for the amendment to the operational programme sets out the expected impact of the changes to the programme on fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its social consequences and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 92b(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. It is consistent with Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Regulations (EU) No 1300/2013³, (EU) No 1301/2013⁴ and (EU) No 1304/2013⁵ of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- (6) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee by written procedure examined and approved on 25 May 2021 the proposal for the amendment of 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) 10017 should therefore be amended accordingly,

³ 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).

⁴ 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).

⁵ 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).

07 02 05 01: EUR 223 102 593 (ESF REACT-EU).";

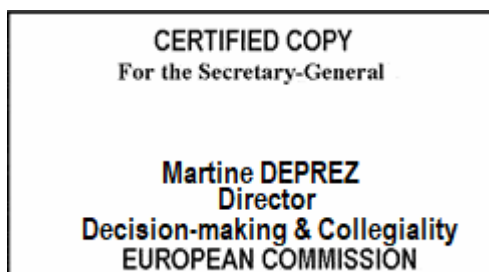
4. Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision;
5. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 28.6.2021

For the Commission
Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ
Vice-President



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 (k) = (b) * (j) / (a)	
VIII	ESF REACT-EU		Public	223,102,593	0.00	0	0	223,102,593.00	100.00%			223,102,593.00	0.00		0.00	0.00%
VI	ERDF	Less developed	Total	114,500,000	20,205,883.00	20,205,883	0	134,705,883.00	85.00%	✓		114,500,000.00	20,205,883.00			
Total	ERDF	Less developed		3,435,207,181	1,797,992,423.00	178,788,614	1,619,203,809	5,233,199,604.00	65.64%			3,226,492,112.00	1,684,512,534.00	208,715,069	113,479,889.00	6.08%
Total	ESF	Less developed		369,723,228	75,930,774.00	37,776,909	38,153,865	445,654,002.00	82.96%			347,539,832.00	71,093,504.00	22,183,396	4,837,270.00	6.00%
Total	CF			578,308,060	102,054,364.00	96,951,646	5,102,718	680,362,424.00	85.00%			541,768,060.00	95,606,129.00	36,540,000	6,448,235.00	6.32%
Total	ERDF REACT-EU			1,211,044,754	0.00	0	0	1,211,044,754.00	100.00%			1,211,044,754.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00%
Total	ESF REACT-EU			223,102,593	0.00	0	0	223,102,593.00	100.00%			223,102,593.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00%
Total	REACT-EU			1,434,147,347	0.00	0	0	1,434,147,347.00	100.00%			1,434,147,347.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00%
Grand total				5,817,385,816	1,975,977,561.00	313,517,169	1,662,460,392	7,793,363,377.00	74.65%		0	5,549,947,351.00	1,851,212,167.00	267,438,465	124,765,394.00	

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(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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Total financial appropriation from the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund 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		2021	2022	Total	
		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	Main allocation	Main allocation	Main allocation	Performance reserve
ERDF	Less developed	410,190,439	20,732,007	418,402,601	27,086,419	426,777,999	27,628,623	435,319,260	28,181,565	492,746,699	31,855,055	501,632,697	32,430,314	541,422,417	40,801,086			3,226,492,112	208,715,069
Total ERDF		410,190,439	20,732,007	418,402,601	27,086,419	426,777,999	27,628,623	435,319,260	28,181,565	492,746,699	31,855,055	501,632,697	32,430,314	541,422,417	40,801,086	0	0	3,226,492,112	208,715,069
ESF	Less developed	70,536,424	4,502,326	71,948,591	4,592,463	73,388,824	4,684,393	74,857,581	4,778,143	27,640,187	1,764,268	29,168,225	1,861,803	0	0			347,539,832	22,183,396
Total ESF		70,536,424	4,502,326	71,948,591	4,592,463	73,388,824	4,684,393	74,857,581	4,778,143	27,640,187	1,764,268	29,168,225	1,861,803	0	0	0	0	347,539,832	22,183,396
CF		76,436,581	4,878,930	78,294,384	4,997,513	80,159,746	5,116,580	81,896,761	5,227,453	83,516,243	5,330,824	85,319,845	5,445,948	56,144,500	5,542,752			541,768,060	36,540,000
ERDF REACT-EU		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,211,044,754	0	1,211,044,754	0
ESF REACT-EU		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	223,102,593	0	223,102,593	0
Total REACT-EU		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,434,147,347	0	1,434,147,347	0
Total		557,163,444	30,113,263	568,645,576	36,676,395	580,326,569	37,429,596	592,073,602	38,187,161	603,903,129	38,950,147	616,120,767	39,738,065	597,566,917	46,343,838	1,434,147,347	0	5,549,947,351	267,438,465

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I	ERDF	Less developed	Total	1,481,565,440	770,357,352.00	105,256,255	665,101,097	2,251,922,792.00	65.79%		✓	0	1,384,922,042.00	720,106,482.00	96,643,398	50,250,870.00	6.52%
II	ERDF	Less developed	Total	1,748,264,517	991,392,030.00	38,091,176	953,300,854	2,739,656,547.00	63.81%		✓		1,637,021,566.00	928,309,256.00	111,242,951	63,082,774.00	6.36%
III	ESF	Less developed	Total	207,822,776	47,360,106.00	9,206,241	38,153,865	255,182,882.00	81.44%		✓		189,880,000.00	43,271,181.00	17,942,776	4,088,925.00	8.63%
IV	ERDF	Less developed	Total	90,877,224	16,037,158.00	15,235,300	801,858	106,914,382.00	85.00%		✓		90,048,504.00	15,890,913.00	828,720	146,245.00	0.91%
IV	CF		Total	578,308,060	102,054,364.00	96,951,646	5,102,718	680,362,424.00	85.00%		✓		541,768,060.00	95,606,129.00	36,540,000	6,448,235.00	6.32%
V	ESF	Less developed	Total	161,900,452	28,570,668.00	28,570,668	0	190,471,120.00	85.00%		✓		157,659,832.00	27,822,323.00	4,240,620	748,345.00	2.62%
VII	ERDF REACT-EU		Public	1,211,044,754	0.00	0	0	1,211,044,754.00	100.00%				1,211,044,754.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

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