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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 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter "the Financial Regulation"), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2016. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012<sup>3</sup> establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.
- (3) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012.
- (4) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Committee established by Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 62.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The work programme*

The annual work programme for the implementation of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for 2016, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2016 is set at EUR 58 852 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2016:

(a) budget line 33 02 01: EUR 25 306 000

(b) budget line 33 02 02: EUR 33 546 000

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

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

In implementing this decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

*Article 4*  
*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex (1.2.3, 1.2.5, 2.2.3, 2.2.8 and 2.3.2), in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Done at Brussels, 4.4.2016

*For the Commission*  
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