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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 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal¹, and in particular Article 8(12) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5855 certain elements of the cooperation programme "Interact" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') under the European territorial cooperation goal in all Member States with the participation of Norway and Switzerland for the years 2014-2020 were approved.
- (2) On 6 March 2020 Slovakia, on behalf of all Member States and Norway and Switzerland, submitted through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission a request for an amendment to the cooperation programme.
- (3) The request was accompanied by a revised cooperation programme in which Slovakia proposed an amendment to the elements of the cooperation programme referred to in points (a), (b)(iv) and (v), (c)(v), and (d)(ii) of paragraph 2, and points (a)(ii) and (iii) and (b) of paragraph 4 of Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2015) 5855.
- (4) The amendment consists mainly in shifting ERDF support from priority axis 2 "Technical assistance" to priority axis 1 "Service delivery", and consequently increasing the final value of the financial output indicator of priority axis 1.
- (5) The amendment relates also to the modification of final values of the financial indicator of priority axis 1 included in the performance framework, and to an update of the information on the bodies designated to be responsible for carrying out control and audit tasks and the body to which payments are to be made by the Commission.
- (6) In accordance with Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council², the request for the amendment to the cooperation

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 259.

² 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

programme is duly justified by the need to prepare the new Interreg post-2020 monitoring system as well as to update information in line with institutional changes occurred. The request for the amendment 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, Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council³ and of the horizontal principles referred to in Article 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

- (7) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee at its meeting of 3-4 December 2019 approved the proposal for the amendment to the cooperation programme taking into account the text of the revised cooperation programme and its financing plan.
- (8) The Commission assessed the revised cooperation 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.
- (9) The amended elements of the revised cooperation programme subject to Commission's approval under Article 8(12) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 should therefore be approved.
- (10) Implementing Decision C(2015) 5855 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2015) 5855 is amended as follows:

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

"The following elements of the cooperation programme "Interact" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') under the European territorial cooperation ('ETC') goal in all Member States and in Norway and Switzerland for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 7 July 2015, as last amended by the revised cooperation programme submitted in its final version on 6 March 2020, are hereby approved:";
2. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

³ 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 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320). 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).

Article 2

The Decision is addressed to all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15.7.2020

For the Commission
Elisa Ferreira
Member of the Commission

