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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments¹, and in particular Article 18(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 14 July 2022 Italy on behalf of Italy and Malta, which have agreed on the content of the cooperation programme pursuant to Article 16(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, the cooperation programme “(Interreg VI-A) Italy-Malta” for support from the European Regional Development Fund (‘ERDF’) under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) in Italy and Malta.
- (2) In accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, the programme supports a programme area from the list set out in Annex I to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/75².
- (3) The programme was prepared by Italy and Malta in cooperation with the partners referred to in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council³.

¹ OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 94.

² Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/75 of 17 January 2022 setting out the list of Interreg programme areas to receive support from the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments of the Union, broken down by strand and Interreg programme under the European territorial cooperation goal (OJ L 12, 19.1.2022, p. 164).

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159).

- (4) The programme contains all the elements referred to in Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 and has been prepared in accordance with the model set out in the Annex to that Regulation.
- (5) In accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, the Commission assessed the cooperation programme and made observations pursuant to paragraph 2 of that Article on 30 August 2022. Italy submitted a revised cooperation programme on 18 November 2022.
- (6) The Commission concluded that the programme complies with Regulation (EU) 2021/1059.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 50 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, this Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 110(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴ with regard to the ERDF under shared management. It is therefore necessary to specify the elements needed to make the budgetary commitments with respect to the programme in this Decision.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 112(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, it is necessary to fix, for each year, the amount of the total financial appropriations envisaged for the support from the ERDF, and, for each priority, the co-financing rate and the maximum amount of support from the Fund. It is also necessary to specify whether the co-financing rate for the priority applies to total contribution, including public and private contribution, or to public contribution.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 27(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059, as the total ERDF allocation to this programme is between EUR 30 000 000 and EUR 50 000 000, the amount resulting from the percentage for technical assistance as set out in Article 27(3) shall be increased by an additional amount of EUR 500 000. This additional amount should have as effect an increase in the percentage of the ERDF contribution to be reimbursed for technical assistance pursuant to Article 27(3).
- (10) The cooperation programme should therefore be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The cooperation programme “(Interreg VI-A) Italy-Malta” for support from the ERDF under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) in Italy and Malta for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027, submitted in its final version on 18 November 2022, is hereby approved.

Article 2

1. The maximum amount of support from the ERDF for each year is set out in Annex I.
2. The maximum amount of support for the programme is set at EUR 46 083 225, to be financed from the following specific budget line in accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2022:

⁴ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

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3. The co-financing rate for each priority is set out in Annex II. The co-financing rate for each priority shall apply to total contribution, including public and private contribution.
4. The amount resulting from the percentage for technical assistance is increased by EUR 500 000. Therefore, the amount of the ERDF contribution to be reimbursed for technical assistance is set at EUR 3 514 789 which results in 8.26% of the ERDF contribution (without technical assistance).

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic and the Republic of Malta

Done at Brussels, 13.12.2022

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

