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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) N° 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes¹ and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to 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 Union² and in particular Article 60(1) and Article 69 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2013)9189 lists the parts of Union Programmes that the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ('the Agency') has been delegated to manage, the budget headings for which the appropriations correspond to those parts of programmes and which the Agency is required to implement as authorising officer by delegation and the tasks delegated to the Agency.
- (2) Following the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 5515³ and the amendment of Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU⁴, the Commission is to entrust the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ('the Agency') with the implementation of certain projects in the fields of audiovisual and culture falling under external policy instruments, referred to under the common denomination of "The Creative Europe Window for the Western Balkans action".
- (3) Following the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision C(2019)6150⁵ the Commission is to entrust the Agency with implementing part of the action 'Access to horizontal services of the European Solidarity Corps'.

¹ OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1.

² OJ L 193, 30.07.2018, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision of 19.7.2019 adopting a Multi-country Action Programme for the year 2019 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46).

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of European Solidarity Corps and the adoption work programme for 2020

- (4) Following the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision C(2019)5823 ⁶ the Commission is to entrust the Agency with implementing part of the action 'Centres of Vocational Excellence'.
- (5) In order to ensure that the specification of tasks is fully detailed, these activities should be individually identified in order to ensure clarity.
- (6) Decision C(2013)9189 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision C(2013)9189 is amended as follows:

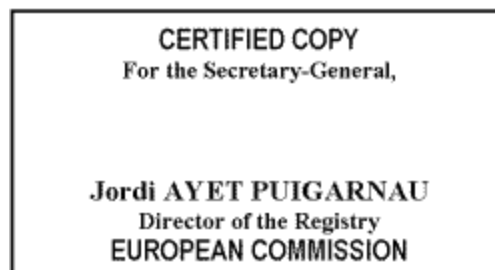
- (1) Annexes I to VIII are replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.

Done at Brussels, 6.11.2019

For the Commission
Tibor NAVRACSICS
Member of the Commission



⁶ Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the Erasmus+: the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport and the adoption of the work programme for 2020



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amending Commission Decision C(2013)9189 of 18 December 2013 delegating powers to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency with a view to performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of education, audiovisual and culture, comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union and of the European Development Fund allocations

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Description of the parts of the programme and the tasks delegated to the the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the framework of the “Erasmus+” Programme</u></p>
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1. PARTS OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH ARE DELEGATED

With regard to the actions and activities referred to in Articles 7-10, 13-16 and 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ('the Agency') shall be involved in the implementation and management of the following actions and measures, including, where appropriate, actions covering multiple chapters simultaneously.

The Agency shall implement the international dimension of those actions where appropriations are made available to the Agency, which constitute a marginal increase in the level of the operational appropriations managed by the Agency for tasks of the same nature, from the budget lines corresponding to the international cooperation instruments listed in Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU².

SECTION 1. EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CHAPTER II OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013)

1. LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS (ARTICLE 7 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013):

- Joint Masters Degrees (partly funded through external instruments);
- Joint Master and Doctoral Programmes set up under the Erasmus Mundus II programme (partly funded through external instruments);
- Online linguistic support;
- Erasmus+ Charter:

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE): the general operational management, including the implementation of the entire selection and evaluation process, the preparation of the award and rejection decisions, the notification of selection results to applicants and the maintenance of an updated ECHE database following splits or mergers of higher education institutions.

The Commission remains responsible for:

- Consultations with National Authorities and National Agencies during the eligibility check of the candidates;
- Adoption of decisions awarding or withdrawing the charter and decisions rejecting applications;

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing 'Erasmus+': The Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50).

² Amended by C(2014)4048

- Following-up/monitoring of the ECHE implementation, including acceptance of reports and other deliverables.

2. COOPERATION FOR INNOVATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES (ARTICLE 8 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013):

1. Strategic partnerships (point (a) of Article 8(1)):
 - Insurance cover for schools
2. Partnerships between the world of work and education and training institutions in the form of:
 - European Universities;
 - Knowledge Alliances between, in particular, higher education institutions and the world of work (first indent of point (b) of Article 8(1));
 - Sector Skills Alliances between education and training providers and the world of work (second indent of point (b) of Article 8(1)).
3. IT support platforms, covering all education and training sectors, including in particular e-Twinning allowing peer learning, virtual mobility and exchanges of best practices and opening access for participants from neighbourhood countries (point (c) of Article 8(1)):
 - Central Support Services (eTwinning);
 - eTwinning National Support Services and Partner Support Agencies (platform for school cooperation);
 - Central Support Services (EPALE);
 - EPALE National Support Centres (platform for EU adult cooperation);
 - Other web and dissemination platforms;
 - The Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Initiative.
4. International partnerships between Union and partner countries' higher education institutions (Article 8(2)), namely:
 - International higher education capacity building, with Partner countries (funded with external instruments);
 - Network of National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs).

3. SUPPORT FOR POLICY REFORM (ARTICLE 9 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013):

1. Part of the activities related to the implementation of the Union policy agenda on education and training in the context of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC), as well as to the Bologna and Copenhagen processes (point (a) of Article 9(1)):
 - Knowledge in the fields of Education and Training, through surveys and studies;
 - Support for small and medium sized enterprises engaging in apprenticeships;
 - VET-Business Partnerships on Work-based learning and Apprenticeships;

- Joint Qualifications in Education and Training;
 - Comprehensive policy frameworks for continuing Vocational Education and Training
 - Networks and partnerships of Vocational Education and Training providers
 - Centres of Vocational Excellence
 - Prospective initiatives (Education and Training).
2. Part of the implementation in participating countries of Union transparency and recognition tools and the support to Union-wide networks and European education and training non-governmental organisations (NGOs) (point (b) of Article 9(1)), namely:
- European Qualification Framework (EQF) National Coordination Points (until 31/12/2016);
 - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS);
 - Initiative to support the implementation of EHEA reforms/Support to Bologna process;
 - Network of Higher Education Reform Experts HEREs (directly through NEOs);
 - Network of Higher Education Reform Experts HEREs (service contract);
 - National Coordinators for the implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning;
 - Civil Society cooperation: Education and Training;
 - Call to National Authorities on apprenticeships;
 - Social Inclusion and Common values;
 - European Policy Experimentations, including initiatives for policy innovation;
 - Forward-Looking Cooperation Projects.
3. The following networks (point (d) of Article 9(1)):
- National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC);
 - Eurydice network;
 - Euroguidance network (until 31/12/2016); National Europass Centres (until 31/12/2016);
 - National Reference Points for the European Framework for Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training;

- Part of the management of the European unit of Refernet (start date after 2014 to be fixed by the Steering Committee).
4. Part of the activities to support policy dialogue with Partner countries and international organizations (Article 9(2)).
- 4. JEAN MONNET ACTIVITIES (ARTICLE 10 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013):**
1. Promote teaching and research on European integration among specialist academics, learners and citizens, notably through the creation of Jean Monnet Chairs and other academic activities, as well as by providing aid for other knowledge-building activities at higher education institutions (point (a) of Article 10);
 2. Support the activities of academic institutions or associations active in the field of European integration studies and support a Jean Monnet label for excellence (point (b) of Article 10);
 3. Support the following institutions pursuing an aim of European interest (point (c) of Article 10):
 - The European University Institute of Florence;
 - The College of Europe (Bruges and Natolin campuses)
 - The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht;
 - The Academy of European law, Trier;
 - The European Agency for Development in special Needs Education, Odense;
 - The International Centre for European Training (CIFE), Nice.
 4. Promote policy debate and exchanges between the academic world and policy-makers on Union policy priorities (point (d) of Article 10).

SECTION 2. YOUTH (CHAPTER III OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013)

- 1. LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS (ARTICLE 13 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013):**
1. Part of the mobility of young people in non-formal and informal learning activities between the participating countries; such mobility may take the form of youth exchanges and volunteering through the European voluntary service, as well as innovative activities building on existing provisions for mobility, namely (partly funded through international cooperation instruments):
 - European Voluntary Service Insurance;
 - Large Scale Volunteering Projects (Youth).
- 2. WITHIN COOPERATION FOR INNOVATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES (ARTICLE 14 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013):**
1. Capacity building projects in the field of youth, promoting cooperation with Partner countries, including projects financed through international cooperation instruments and targeting cooperation with enlargement and neighbourhood countries;

2. The Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Initiative.
- 3. SUPPORT FOR POLICY REFORM SHALL INCLUDE ACTIVITIES RELATING TO (ARTICLE 15 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013):**
 1. Part of the implementation of the Union policy agenda on youth through the OMC , namely:
 - Studies aimed at increasing the knowledge of the Youth sector.
 2. Part of the support for Union-wide networks and European youth NGOs, namely:
 - Civil Society cooperation (Youth);
 - Support for the Eurydice network in the field of youth;
 - The "European Youth Together" initiative.
 3. Part of policy dialogue with relevant European stakeholders and structured dialogue with young people, namely:
 - Structured dialogue (Youth);
 - Prospective initiatives (Youth).
 4. Part of the activities related to the Eurodesk network, namely:
 - Eurodesk: Brussels-Link.
 5. Part of the activities related to supporting the European Youth Forum.

SECTION 3. SPORT (CHAPTER IV OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013)

1. Support for collaborative partnerships;
2. Support for non-profit European sport events involving several participating countries;
3. Part of support for strengthening of evidence base for policy making, including:
 - Provision of part of the studies aimed at increasing the knowledge of the Sport sector.
 - Dialogue with stakeholders – National events

SECTION 4. COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION (ARTICLE 22 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013)

- 4. PART OF DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, PUBLICITY AND FOLLOW-UP WITH REGARD TO ALL ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED UNDER THE PROGRAMME, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ADOPTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PARENT DIRECTORATE-GENERAL, INCLUDING:**

Content management of the dissemination platform for actions delegated;

Support the Commission in the selection of best practices.

5. TASKS WHICH ARE DELEGATED

On the basis of the powers delegated by the Commission and within the framework of the relevant annual work programme adopted by the Commission, the Agency shall perform the following programme implementation tasks:

1. Manage some or all of the phases of programme implementation and stages in the lifetime of projects and operating grants in the frame of the delegated parts of programmes. In this connection, it shall be responsible for monitoring the projects and operating grants, making the necessary checks and recovery procedures³, and for performing budget implementation tasks covering revenue and expenditure within the meaning of the Financial Regulation, and in particular:
 - Award grants and manage the ensuing agreement or decision, including the operations required to launch and conclude grant award procedures⁴;
 - Conclude public procurement procedures and manage the ensuing contracts, including the operations required to launch and conclude public procurement procedures⁵.
2. Provide support in programme implementation, in particular:
 - Collecting, processing and distributing data while ensuring interfacing with the relevant Commission IT systems, and in particular compiling, analysing and transmitting to the Commission all information required to guide implementation and monitoring of the programme, promote coordination with other Union programmes, the Member States or international organisations; including collecting, processing, updating data on supported actions with a view to responding to requests for information from the Commission and collecting, processing, updating and providing operational support for the Commission's dissemination tool for the actions managed by the Agency;
 - Exploiting the results of the projects stemming from the programmes by suitable measures and means of exploitation and dissemination, in conformity

³ Including carrying out ex-post audits.

⁴ Preparation and publication of the calls for proposals defined in the work programmes, preparation of information documents for potential beneficiaries, preparation for the evaluation of the proposals, including the selection of the expert evaluators, reception and eligibility checking of the proposals, verification on the basis of the exclusion criteria, evaluation of the proposals, adoption of award Decisions for which the relevant legal bases do not require the control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, information to rejected and successful applicants, preparation of grant agreements and grant decisions on the basis of the standard models drawn up by the Commission, signature of grant agreements and grant decisions in accordance with the conditions laid down in this Decision, monitoring the performance of the grant agreements and grant decisions including acceptance of reports and other deliverables, payments and recoveries of debts on the Union budget, routine ex post publicity and dissemination of results, application of penalties within the meaning of Article 131(5) of the Financial Regulation in agreement with the parent Directorates-General.

⁵ Ex ante and ex post advertising, preparation of invitation to tender documents such as specifications and model contracts prepared on the basis of the models drawn up by the Commission, evaluation of requests to participate and of tenders, signature of contracts in accordance with the conditions of this Decision, cancellation or abandonment of the procedure if needed, monitoring the performance of the contracts including acceptance of reports and other deliverables, payments and recoveries, application of penalties within the meaning of Article 109 of the Financial Regulation in agreement with the parent Directorates-General.

with the memorandum of understanding adopted by the Steering Committee in agreement with the parent Directorates-General, including as regards the Erasmus+ programme selecting on an annual basis best projects and practices among the projects selected and granted and assisting the Commission in the selection of excellence projects;

- In the case of the networks and bodies under the parts of the programmes delegated to the Agency (NARIC, Euroguidance, Europass, EURODESK, national coordination points for the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), etc.): managing grants given to the national units of these networks and bodies and coordinating the networks and bodies, in conformity with the memorandum of understanding adopted by the Steering Committee in agreement with the parent Directorates-General;
- Conducting studies by means of public contracts, in conformity with the memorandum of understanding adopted by the Steering Committee in agreement with the parent Directorates-General;
- Contributing to evaluation of the impact of the programme and to monitoring the actual effect of the measures on the sector;
- Managing and directing a network, in particular concerning the target public (beneficiaries, recipients, projects, actors);
- Organising meetings, seminars or events (on-line and off-line); organising training and meetings of experts;
- Producing compendia and analysis of selected projects and their results; carrying out studies and evaluations, in particular the annual and/or mid-term evaluation of implementation of the programme, and contributing to preparation and implementation of follow-up action on evaluations;
- Preparing recommendations for the Commission on implementation of the programme and its future development;
- Planning and implementing information operations, among which information activities on funding opportunities;
- Producing overall control and supervision data;
- Participating in preparatory work on work programmes and financing decisions;
- Ensuring and monitoring visibility of the Union action and of the European Commission;
- The provisioning and support of specific IT tools, infrastructure and services for the Agency's own requirements in cooperation with the Commission's departments;

- Providing the operational support structure for the European Voluntary Service insurance scheme for volunteers in connection with the Erasmus+ programme, action in the youth sector.
3. Specific tasks managed by the EACEA unit responsible for Education and Youth Policy Support in connection with the Eurydice network:
- Collecting, processing, updating and disseminating information and data on systems and policies on education and youth in Europe;
 - Coordinating, producing and disseminating reports and studies on systems and policies on education and youth in Europe: articles, short overviews, thematic analysis, national information sheets, bibliographies, glossaries, etc.;
 - Developing and disseminating qualitative indicators and statistics in the field of education and youth;
 - Designing, developing and managing databases like Eurypedia, IT tools (programs, software) and IT sites (Internet, intranet and extranet), including arranging discussion forums;
 - Arranging and coordinating the Eurydice network, including devising procedures and support for the national units of the network;
 - Promoting and utilising the network and its work, in particular;
 - Promotion activities;
 - Conducting surveys aimed at identifying the needs of the target groups of the network and/or improving the products of the network;
 - Coordinating and supporting national measures for utilising the network and its work;
 - Improving the dissemination of the work of the network;
 - Responding to requests for information from the Commission, from the national units of the network and from outside (by mail, fax, e-mail or telephone);
 - Supporting and providing the Commission with qualitative information on recent reforms related to Europe 2020 priorities in education, training and youth;
 - Preparing the documents required for the work of the network and its European unit (instructions, guides, user manuals, questionnaires, forms) and the dissemination of these documents to the relevant people;
 - Cooperating with national, European and international bodies in the fields of education and youth (services of the Member States and non-member countries, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Council of Europe, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, European Training Foundation, Eurostat, Centre for Research on Lifelong

Learning, Eurolib, European Schoolnet, Erasmus+ structures etc.) and participating in the work of these bodies.

ANNEX II

Description of the parts of the programme delegated to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the framework of the “Creative Europe” Programme

PARTS OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH ARE DELEGATED

(TASKS PERFORMED ARE PRESENTED IN ANNEX VI)

With regard to the measures referred to in Articles 10, 13, 15, 16 and 19 of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (‘the Agency’) shall be involved in the implementation and management of the following actions and measures:

SECTION 1. THE CROSS-SECTORIAL STRAND (CHAPTER IV OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1295/2013):

1. Testing of new and cross-sectoral business approaches to funding, distributing, and monetising creation (point (d) of Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
2. Support to the Creative Europe Desks to carry out their tasks (point (f) of Article 15(1) and Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013).

SECTION 2. CULTURE SUB-PROGRAMME (CHAPTER III OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1295/2013):

1. Transnational cooperation projects bringing together cultural and creative organisations from different countries to undertake sectorial or cross-sectorial activities (point (a) of Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
2. Activities by European networks of cultural and creative organisations from different countries (point (b) of Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
3. Activities by organisations with a European vocation fostering the development of emerging talent and stimulating the transnational mobility of cultural and creative players and circulation of works, with the potential to influence broadly cultural and creative sectors, and to provide for lasting effects (point (c) of Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
4. Literary translation and further promotion (point (d) of Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013),

SECTION 3. MEDIA SUB-PROGRAMME (CHAPTER II OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1295/2013):

1. The development of a comprehensive range of training measures promoting the acquisition and improvement of skills and competences by audiovisual professionals, knowledge sharing and networking initiatives, including the integration of digital technologies (point (a) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);

⁶ Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2014 to 2020) and repealing Decisions No 1718/2006/EC, No 1855/2006/EC and No 1041/2009/EC, OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 221–237.

2. The development of European audiovisual works in particular films and television works such as fiction, documentaries, children's and animated films, as well as interactive works such as videogames and multimedia with enhanced cross-border circulation potential (point(b) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
3. Activities aiming at supporting European audiovisual production companies, in particular independent production companies, with a view to facilitating European and international co-productions of audiovisual works including television works (point (c) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
4. Activities helping European and international co-production partners to meet and/or provide indirect support for audiovisual works co-produced by supporting international co-production funds based in a country participating in the Programme (point (d) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
5. Facilitating access to professional audiovisual trade events and markets and the use of online business tools inside and outside the Union (point (e) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
6. Establishing systems of support for the distribution of non-national European films through theatrical distribution and on all other platforms as well as for international sales activities, in particular the subtitling, dubbing and audio-description of audiovisual works (point (f) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
7. Facilitating circulation of European films worldwide and of international films in the Union on all distribution platforms, via international cooperation projects in the audiovisual sector (point (g) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
8. A European cinema operators' network screening a significant proportion of non-national European films (point (h) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
9. Initiatives presenting and promoting a diversity of European audiovisual works, including short films, such as festivals and other promotional events (point (i) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
10. Activities aimed at promoting film literacy and increasing audiences' knowledge of, and interest in, European audiovisual works, including the audiovisual and cinematographic heritage, in particular among young audiences (point (j) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013);
11. Innovative actions testing new business models and tools in areas likely to be influenced by the introduction and the use of digital technologies (point (k) of Article 10 Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013)).

SECTION 4. COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION (ARTICLE 19 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1295/2013)

1. Provision to the countries participating in the Programme with information concerning the projects or operating grants which have received the Union's funding by transmitting the selection decisions within two weeks of their adoption (Article 19(1));
2. Dissemination of relevant information to the Creative Europe Desks (Article 19(3)).

ANNEX III

Description of the parts of the programme delegated to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the framework of the “Europe for Citizens” Programme

PARTS OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH ARE DELEGATED

(TASKS PERFORMED ARE PRESENTED IN ANNEX VI)

With regard to the actions referred to in Article 3 and the Annex of Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁷, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (‘the Agency’) shall be involved in the implementation and management of the following actions and measures foreseen in Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2:

SECTION 1. ACTIONS COMING UNDER THE TWO STRANDS

1. "European remembrance";
2. "Democratic engagement and civic participation”.

SECTION 2. PART OF THE HORIZONTAL "VALORISATION" ACTIONS FORESEEN IN ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH 1 OF REGULATION (EU) NO 390/2014, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ADOPTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PARENT DIRECTORATE-GENERAL.

⁷ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme for the period 2014-2020 OJ L115 p3

ANNEX IV

Description of the parts of the programme delegated to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the framework of the “EU Aid Volunteers” initiative

PARTS OF THE INITIATIVE WHICH ARE DELEGATED (TASKS PERFORMED ARE PRESENTED IN ANNEX VI)

With regard to the actions referred to in Articles 8 to 17 of Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 of 3 April 2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁸, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (‘the Agency’) shall be involved in the implementation and management of the following actions and measures:

1. Supporting the updating of standards and procedures regarding candidate and EU Aid Volunteers (Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 375/2014);
2. Development and support to the updating of a certification mechanism for sending and hosting organisations and technical support for sending organisations (Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 375/2014);
3. Identification and selection of candidate volunteers (Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 375/2014);
4. Implementation of a training programme and support for training and apprenticeship placements (Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 375/2014);
5. Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers in third countries for humanitarian aid activities and operations (Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 375/2014), including an EU Aid Volunteers insurance scheme;
6. Capacity building of hosting organisations (Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 375/2014).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 375/2014 of 3 April 2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps (‘EU Aid Volunteers initiative’) (OJ L 122, 24.4.2014, p. 1).

ANNEX V

<u>Description of the parts of the programme delegated to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the field of education, audiovisual, culture, citizenship and youth falling under external cooperation instruments</u>
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PARTS OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH ARE DELEGATED

(TASKS PERFORMED ARE PRESENTED IN ANNEX VI)

1. PAN-AFRICAN PROGRAMME

With regard to the components referred to in the Annex of Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU⁹, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ('the Agency') shall be involved in the implementation and management of the following action and measure covered by section 4.2.2. Higher Education of the Multiannual Indicative Programme :

"Intra-Africa Mobility Scheme"

2. ENHANCED EU ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WESTERN BALKANS – FIELD OF CULTURE

With regard to the components referred to in the Communication "A credible enlargement perspective for and enhanced EU engagement with the Western Balkans"¹⁰, the Agency shall be involved in the implementation and management of actions and measures covered by section 6, "Supporting reconciliation and good neighbourly relations".

These activities financed under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) and targeting in particular Western Balkans' cultural organizations in order to, i.a. increase opportunities for cross-border cooperation in the region and with the EU Member States, as well as support the development of Western Balkans cultural and creative industries are to be implemented in accordance with the applicable rules of the Creative Europe programme and the relevant work programme.

⁹ Commission Implementing Decision 2013/776/EU of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' (OJ L 343, 19.12.2013, p. 46). C(2018) 3225 final

¹⁰ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions: A credible enlargement perspective for and enhanced EU engagement with the Western Balkans, COM/2018/065 final.

ANNEX VI

<u>Description of the tasks delegated to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the framework of the delegated parts of programmes listed in Annex II to V</u>

On the basis of the powers delegated by the Commission and within the framework of the relevant annual work programme adopted by the Commission, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ('the Agency') shall perform the following programme implementation tasks:

1. Manage some or all of the phases of programme implementation and stages in the lifetime of projects and operating grants in the frame of the delegated parts of programmes. In this connection, it shall be responsible for monitoring the projects and operating grants, making the necessary checks and recovery procedures¹¹, and for performing budget implementation tasks covering revenue and expenditure within the meaning of the Financial Regulation, and in particular:
 - Award grants and manage the ensuing agreement or decision, including the operations required to launch and conclude grant award procedures¹²;
 - Conclude public procurement procedures and manage the ensuing contracts, including the operations required to launch and conclude public procurement procedures¹³.
2. Provide support in programme implementation, in particular:
 - Collecting, processing and distributing data, and in particular compiling, analysing and transmitting to the Commission all information required to guide implementation and monitoring of the programme, promote coordination with other Union programmes, the Member States or international organisations; including collecting, processing, updating data on supported actions with a view to responding to requests for information from the Commission and collecting, processing, updating and providing operational support for the Commission's dissemination tool for the actions managed by the Agency;

¹¹ Including carrying out ex-post audits.

¹² Preparation and publication of the calls for proposals defined in the work programmes, preparation of information documents for potential beneficiaries, preparation for the evaluation of the proposals, including the selection of the expert evaluators, reception and eligibility checking of the proposals, verification on the basis of the exclusion criteria, evaluation of the proposals, adoption of award Decisions for which the relevant legal bases do not require the control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, information to rejected and successful applicants, preparation of grant agreements and grant decisions on the basis of the standard models drawn up by the Commission, signature of grant agreements and grant decisions in accordance with the conditions laid down in this Decision, monitoring the performance of the grant agreements and grant decisions including acceptance of reports and other deliverables, payments and recoveries of debts on the Union budget, routine ex post publicity and dissemination of results, application of penalties within the meaning of Article 131(5) of the Financial Regulation in agreement with the parent Directorates-General.

¹³ Ex ante and ex post advertising, preparation of invitation to tender documents such as specifications and model contracts prepared on the basis of the models drawn up by the Commission, evaluation of requests to participate and of tenders, signature of contracts in accordance with the conditions of this Decision, cancellation or abandonment of the procedure if needed, monitoring the performance of the contracts including acceptance of reports and other deliverables, payments and recoveries, application of penalties within the meaning of Article 109 of the Financial Regulation in agreement with the parent Directorates-General.

- Exploiting the results of the projects stemming from the programmes by suitable measures and means of exploitation and dissemination, in conformity with the memorandum of understanding adopted by the Steering Committee in agreement with the parent Directorates-General;
- In the case of the networks and bodies under the parts of the programmes delegated to the Agency: managing grants given to the national units of these networks and bodies and coordinating the networks and bodies, in conformity with the memorandum of understanding adopted by the Steering Committee in agreement with the parent Directorates-General;
- Conducting studies by means of public contracts, in conformity with the memorandum of understanding adopted by the Steering Committee in agreement with the parent Directorates-General;
- Contributing to evaluation of the impact of the programme and to monitoring the actual effect of the measures on the sector;
- Managing and directing a network, in particular concerning the target public (beneficiaries, recipients, projects, actors);
- Organising meetings, seminars or events (on-line and off-line); organising training and meetings of experts;
- Producing compendia and analysis of selected projects and their results; carrying out studies and evaluations, in particular the annual and/or mid-term evaluation of implementation of the programme, and contributing to preparation and implementation of follow-up action on evaluations;
- Preparing recommendations for the Commission on implementation of the programme and its future development;
- Planning and implementing information operations, among which information activities on funding opportunities;
- Producing overall control and supervision data;
- Participating in preparatory work on work programmes and financing decisions;
- Ensuring and monitoring visibility of the Union action and of the European Commission;
- The provisioning and support of specific IT tools, infrastructure and services for the Agency's own requirements in cooperation with the Commission's departments.

ANNEX VII

Description of the parts of the programme delegated to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ('the Agency') in the framework of the 'European Solidarity Corps' Programme.

With regard to the activities of the European Solidarity Corps Programme and of the other Union programmes which contribute to the objectives of the European Solidarity Corps referred to in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1475 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁴, the Agency shall be involved in the implementation and management of the following actions and measures:

1. Insurance contract;
2. Online Linguistic Support;
3. General Online Training;
4. Volunteering teams in High Priority Areas;
5. Quality Label for participating organisations;
6. Access to horizontal services of European Solidarity Corps.

¹⁴ Regulation (EU) 2018/1475 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 October 2018 laying down the legal framework of the European Solidarity Corps and amending Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 and Decision No 1313/2013/EU (OJ L 250, 4.10.2018, p. 1).

ANNEX VIII

Budget lines and EDF allocations for 2014-2020 of which part of the appropriations corresponding to the tasks entrusted to the Agency shall be implemented by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
European Solidarity Corps
15 05 01
European Solidarity Corps
Erasmus+
15 02 01 01
Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European education and training area and its relevance to the labour market
15 02 01 02
Promoting excellence and cooperation in the European Youth Area and the participation of young people in European democratic life
15 02 02
Developing excellence in teaching and research activities in European integration world-wide (Jean Monnet programme)
15 02 03
Developing the European dimension in sport
19 05 20
Erasmus+ — Contribution from Partnership Instrument (PI)
21 02 20
Erasmus+ — Contribution from Development Cooperation Instruments (DCI)
22 04 20 ¹⁵
Erasmus+ — Contribution from European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)
22 02 04 02
Contribution to Erasmus+ (IPA II)
04 20 65
European Development Fund
Creative Europe
15 04 01
Strengthening the financial capacity of the cultural and creative sectors, in particular for SMEs and organisations
15 04 02
Culture sub-programme — Supporting actions for the cultural and creative sectors to operate in the Union and beyond and to promote transnational circulation and mobility
09 05 01 ¹⁶
MEDIA sub-programme — Supporting actions for the cultural and creative sectors to operate in the Union and beyond and to promote transnational circulation and mobility
Europe for Citizens
18 04 01 01 ¹⁷

¹⁵ Previously 21 03 20

¹⁶ Previously 15 04 03

Europe for Citizens — Strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at the Union level
EU Aid Volunteers
23 04 01
Union Aid Volunteers — Strengthening the Union's capacity to respond to humanitarian crises
Jean Monnet Activities in the EU's strategic partners
19 05 01
Cooperation with third countries to advance and promote European Union and mutual interests
Western Balkans Windows under Erasmus+ and Creative Europe
22 02 04 01
Multi-Country Programmes, regional integration and territorial cooperation (IPA II)
Eastern Partnership Windows under Erasmus+
22 04 02 02
Poverty reduction and sustainable development
22 04 02 01
Human rights, good governance and mobility
Mediterranean countries Windows under Erasmus+
22 04 01 02
Poverty reduction and sustainable development
22 04 01 01
Human rights, good governance and mobility
Pan-African Programme
21 02 09
Pan-African programme to support the joint Africa-European Union Strategy

Completion lines for legacy programmes 2007-2013 of which part of the appropriations corresponding to the tasks entrusted to the Agency shall be implemented by the Agency
Completion MEDIA
09 05 51
Completion Lifelong Learning
15 02 51
Completion Youth in Action
15 02 53
Completion Culture
15 04 51
Completion Europe for Citizens
18 04 51
Completion Development Cooperation Instrument
21 02 51 02
21 02 51 03
21 02 51 08
Completion Cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories

¹⁷ Previously 16 02 01

21 09 51 01
21 09 51 02
21 09 51 03
Completion European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument
22 04 51
Completion Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance
22 02 51
Completion Cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories
19 05 51

EDF ALLOCATIONS

- Allocation under the intra-ACP financial envelope of the Ninth EDF covered by Commission Decision C (2006) 7117 of 9 January 2007 approving the programme “Erasmus Mundus ACP Window” in favour of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States to be financed from the 9th European Development Fund;
- Allocation under the intra-ACP financial envelope of the Ninth EDF covered by Commission Decision C (2007) 6617 of 21 December 2007 approving the programme “Erasmus Mundus ACP Window” in favour of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States to be financed from the 9th European Development Fund;
- Allocation under the intra-ACP financial envelope of the Tenth EDF covered by Commission Decision C (2009) 9268 of 30 November 2009 approving the programme “Erasmus Mundus ACP Window” in favour of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund;
- Allocation under the intra-ACP financial envelope of the Tenth EDF covered by the Commission Decision C(2010) 7243 of 22 December 2010 approving the programme “Intra-ACP Mobility Scheme” in favour of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund;
- Allocation under the intra-ACP financial envelope of the Tenth EDF covered by the Commission Decision C(2012) 8392 of 16 November 2012 on the Annual Action Programme 2012 in favour of Intra-ACP cooperation to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund, approving the programme “Erasmus Mundus ACP Window” in favour of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States to be financed from the 10th European Development Fund;
- Allocation under the intra-ACP financial envelope of the Eleventh EDF covered by the implementing modalities agreed between the Commission and the ACP group in a formal exchange of letters¹⁸ concluded on 12 October 2015 and by the Commission Decision C(2015)6151 of 14 September 2015 on the adoption of the 2016 annual work programme for the implementation of "Erasmus+": the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport, its potential future amendments and the Erasmus+ annual work programmes adopted in the subsequent years. ’

¹⁸ Ref. Ares(2015)3991916 - 28/09/2015 and Ref. Ares(2015)4432484 - 20/10/2015