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## **amending Commission Decision C(2021) 6152 on the financing of Interregional Innovation Investments instrument to be supported by the European Regional Development Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2021-2022**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

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 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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 13 thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) Interregional Innovation Investments ('I3') will have the potential to encourage the development of European value chains through the commercialisation and scaling up of interregional innovation projects. The I3 instrument should bring together researchers, businesses, civil society and public administrations involved in smart specialisation strategies established at national or regional levels.
- (2) By Commission Decision C(2021) 6152<sup>3</sup>, the work programme for 2021-2022 in the framework of the I3 instrument to be supported by the European Regional Development Fund, was adopted.
- (3) Following the need for experts to evaluate the applications submitted under the I3 instrument, a new action should be introduced, as detailed in Section 8 ("Other actions or expenditure") of the Annex.
- (4) The global financial envelopes designated for the grants and other actions or expenditure should be revised to accommodate the need for experts to evaluate the applications. The amount needed to cover these expert contracts is transferred from the global financial envelope foreseen for grants to the global financial envelope for other actions and expenditure.
- (5) Commission Decision C(2021) 6152 should therefore be amended accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 60.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision C(2021) 6152 of 25.8.2021 on the financing of Interregional Innovation Investments instrument to be supported by the European Regional Development Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2021-2022.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Annex to Commission Decision C(2021) 6152 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 10.2.2022

*For the Commission*  
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