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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) 9342, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 1610, certain elements of the cooperation programme "Interreg V-A Italy-Croatia" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') under the European territorial cooperation goal in Italy and Croatia were approved.
- (2) On 27 September 2018 Italy on behalf of Croatia and Italy submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, a request for an amendment to the cooperation programme. The request was accompanied by a revised cooperation programme, in which Italy proposed an amendment to the elements of the cooperation programme referred to in point (b)(v) of the first subparagraph of Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, subject to Implementing Decision C(2015) 9342. The amendment of the cooperation programme refer to the revision of the performance framework under priority axis 3 "Environment and cultural heritage" by the downward adjustment of milestones and targets of two key implementation step indicators and the deletion of one output indicator.
- (3) 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 programme is duly justified by the need to align key implementation step indicators to

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 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).

the corresponding output indicators and by unforeseen external factors that led to low project selection rate and commitment rate under priority axis 3, and 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 Articles 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

- (4) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee by written procedure examined and approved on 26 September 2018 the proposal for the amendment to the cooperation programme taking into account the text of the revised cooperation programme.
- (5) 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. Nevertheless, Italy provided supplementary information between 27 September 2018 and 18 October 2018 and submitted a modified version of the revised cooperation programme on 17 October 2018.
- (6) The amended elements of the revised cooperation programme subject to the Commission's approval under Article 8(12) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 should therefore be approved.
- (7) Implementing Decision C(2015) 9342 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Implementing Decision C(2015) 9342, the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

"The following elements of the cooperation programme "Interreg V-A Italy-Croatia" for support from the ERDF under the European territorial cooperation goal in Italy and Croatia for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 13 November 2015, as last amended by the revised cooperation programme submitted in its final version on 17 October 2018, are hereby approved:".

³ 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

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Croatia and the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 23.1.2019

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

