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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 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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 96(10) thereof,

Having consulted the ESF Committee,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 10183, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 108, certain elements of the operational programme "Thessaly" for support from the European Regional Development Fund ('ERDF') and the European Social Fund ('ESF') under the Investment for growth and jobs goal for the region Thessaly in Greece were approved.
- (2) On 23 June 2020 Greece submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, a request for an amendment to the operational programme. The request was accompanied by a revised operational programme, in which Greece proposed an amendment to the elements of the operational programme referred to in points (b)(iv) and (v) and (d) of the first subparagraph of Article 96(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, all subject to Implementing Decision C(2014) 10183.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 25a(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Greece requests the transfer of the ERDF resources available for programming for the year 2020 from the less developed regions category to the more developed regions category from the operational programme "Thessaly" to the operational programme "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation" (CCI 2014GR16M2OP001).
- (4) The amendment to the operational programme consists in addition in modifications of several programme indicators under priority axes 3 "Protecting the environment –

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320.

Shift to an environmental friendly economy" and 4 "Development - Modernisation - Completion of infrastructure for social and economic development" and of several indicators of the performance framework.

- (5) In accordance with Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the request for the amendment to the operational programme is duly justified by the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and in particular, the need to allocate additional resources to the operational programme "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation" in order to finance the business support measures within the frame of the dedicated, national support programme. The request for transfer from the less developed category of regions to the more developed category of regions is duly justified by the fact that around half of the Greek economy is concentrated in parts of the Member State covered by the more developed category of regions. The programme indicators are also modified to reflect the transfer of funds. The amendment to the operational programme 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, Regulations (EU) No 1301/2013<sup>2</sup> and (EU) No 1304/2013<sup>3</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council, as well as of the horizontal principles referred to in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (6) In accordance with point (e) of Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee by written procedure on 19 June 2020 examined and approved the proposal for the amendment to the operational programme, taking into account the text of the revised operational programme and its financing plan.
- (7) The Commission assessed the revised operational 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.
- (8) The amended elements of the revised operational programme subject to the Commission's approval under Article 96(10) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should therefore be approved.
- (9) Implementing Decision C(2014) 10183 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

Implementing Decision C(2014) 10183 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 1, the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:  
"The following elements of the operational programme "Thessaly" for joint support from the ERDF and the ESF under the Investment for growth and jobs goal for the region Thessaly in Greece for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 12 December 2014, as last amended by the revised

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<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Social Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 470).

operational programme submitted in its final version on 23 June 2020, are hereby approved:";

2. in Article 4, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"2. The total financial appropriation for the operational programme is set at EUR 301 357 191, to be financed from the following specific budget lines in accordance with the nomenclature of the General Budget of the European Union for 2014:

13 03 60: EUR 228 382 205 (ERDF – Less Developed regions);

04 02 60: EUR 72 974 986 (ESF – Less Developed regions).";

3. Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision;

4. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

#### *Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7.7.2020

*For the Commission*  
*Elisa FERREIRA*  
*Member of the Commission*



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**ANNEX I**  
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**Total financial appropriation from the ERDF and the ESF and the amounts related to the performance reserve per year (in EUR)**

Fund	Category of region	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Total	
		Main allocation <sup>1</sup>	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve	Main allocation	Performance reserve
ERDF	In less developed regions	36 452 464	2 382 514	35 275 018	2 305 557	35 243 491	2 303 496	35 841 986	2 342 614	35 934 731	2 348 675	35 623 337	2 328 322	0	0	214 371 027	14 011 178
	Total	36 452 464	2 382 514	35 275 018	2 305 557	35 243 491	2 303 496	35 841 986	2 342 614	35 934 731	2 348 675	35 623 337	2 328 322	0	0	214 371 027	14 011 178
ESF <sup>2</sup>	In less developed regions	9 369 457	613 098	8 380 015	548 353	8 012 520	524 306	10 569 185	691 600	10 644 191	696 508	10 720 520	701 503	10 797 209	706 521	68 493 097	4 481 889
	Total	9 369 457	613 098	8 380 015	548 353	8 012 520	524 306	10 569 185	691 600	10 644 191	696 508	10 720 520	701 503	10 797 209	706 521	68 493 097	4 481 889
	Total	45 821 921	2 995 612	43 655 033	2 853 910	43 256 011	2 827 802	46 411 171	3 034 214	46 578 922	3 045 183	46 343 857	3 029 825	10 797 209	706 521	282 864 124	18 493 067

<sup>1</sup> Total allocation (Union support) less allocation to the performance reserve.

<sup>2</sup> Total allocation from the ESF including ESF support matching the specific allocation for the YEI. The columns for the performance reserve do not include ESF support matching the specific allocation for the YEI, as this is excluded from the performance reserve.

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**ANNEX II**  
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**Total appropriations for the support from the ERDF and the ESF, the national co-financing for the operational programme and for each priority axis and the amounts related to the performance reserve**

Priority axis	Fund	Category of region	Basis for calculation of Union support  (Total eligible cost or Eligible public expenditure)	Union support	National counterpart	Indicative breakdown of national counterpart		Total funding	Co-financing rate	100% co-financing rate for accounting year 2020-2021 (3)	For information  EIB contributions	Main allocation (total funding less performance reserve)		Performance reserve		Performance reserve amount as proportion of total Union support
						National public funding	National private funding (1)					Union support	National counterpart	Union support	National counterpart <sup>1</sup>	
				(a)	(b) = (c) + (d)	(c)	(d)	(e) = (a) + (b)	(f) = (a)/(e) (2)		(g)	(h)=(a)-(j)	(i) = (b) – (k)	(j)	(k)= (b) * ((j)/(a))	(l) =(j)/(a) *100
1	ERDF	Less developed	Eligible public expenditure	46 393 468	11 598 367	11 598 367	0	57 991 835	80,00%			46 393 468	11 598 367	0	0	0,00%
2.a	ESF	Less developed	Eligible public expenditure	71 880 327	17 970 083	17 970 083	0	89 850 410	80,00%			67 398 438	16 849 611	4 481 889	1 120 472	6,24%
2.b	ERDF	Less developed	Eligible public expenditure	28 500 000	7 125 000	7 125 000	0	35 625 000	80,00%			23 431 045	5 857 761	5 068 955	1 267 239	17,79%
3	ERDF	Less developed	Eligible public expenditure	69 000 893	17 250 224	17 250 224	0	86 251 117	80,00%			69 000 893	17 250 224	0	0	0,00%

<sup>1</sup> The national counterpart is divided pro-rata between the main allocation and the performance reserve.

4	ERDF	Less developed	Eligible public expenditure	78 517 138	19 629 285	19 629 285	0	98 146 423	80,00%			69 574 915	17 393 729	8 942 223	2 235 556	11,39%
5	ERDF	Less developed	Eligible public expenditure	5 970 706	1 492 677	1 492 677	0	7 463 383	80,00%			5 970 706	1 492 677			
6	ESF	Less developed	Eligible public expenditure	1 094 659	273 665	273 665	0	1 368 324	80,00%			1 094 659	273 665			
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>	<b>Less developed</b>	<b>Eligible public expenditure</b>	<b>228 382 205</b>	<b>57 095 553</b>	<b>57 095 553</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>285 477 758</b>	<b>80,00%</b>			<b>214 371 027</b>	<b>53 592 758</b>	<b>14 011 178</b>	<b>3 502 795</b>	<b>6,13%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>ESF<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Less developed</b>	<b>Eligible public expenditure</b>	<b>72 974 986</b>	<b>18 243 748</b>	<b>18 243 748</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91 218 734</b>	<b>80,00%</b>			<b>68 493 097</b>	<b>17 123 276</b>	<b>4 481 889</b>	<b>1 120 472</b>	<b>6,14%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>Eligible public expenditure</b>	<b>301 357 191</b>	<b>75 339 301</b>	<b>75 339 301</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>376 696 492</b>	<b>80,00%</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>282 864 124</b>	<b>70 716 034</b>	<b>18 493 067</b>	<b>4 623 267</b>	

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(1) To be completed only when priority axes are expressed in total costs.

(2) This rate may be rounded to the nearest whole number in the table. The precise rate used to reimburse payments is the ratio (f).

(3) By ticking the box the Member State requests to apply, pursuant to Article 25a(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, a co-financing rate of 100% to expenditure declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting on 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021 for all /some of the priority axes of the operational programme.

<sup>2</sup> ESF allocation without the matching support for the YEL.