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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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


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 –

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\(^2\) and (EU) No 1304/2013\(^3\) 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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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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For the Secretary-General,

Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU
Director of the Registry
EUROPEAN COMMISSION
### Annex I

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

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<td>ERDF</td>
<td>In less developed regions</td>
<td>36 452 464</td>
<td>2 382 514</td>
<td>35 275 018</td>
<td>2 305 557</td>
<td>35 243 491</td>
<td>2 342 614</td>
<td>35 934 731</td>
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<td>ESF¹</td>
<td>In less developed regions</td>
<td>9 369 457</td>
<td>613 098</td>
<td>8 380 015</td>
<td>548 353</td>
<td>8 012 520</td>
<td>524 306</td>
<td>10 644 191</td>
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<td>45 821 921</td>
<td>2 995 612</td>
<td>43 655 033</td>
<td>2 853 910</td>
<td>43 256 011</td>
<td>2 827 802</td>
<td>46 411 171</td>
<td>3 034 214</td>
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¹ Total allocation (Union support) less allocation to the performance reserve.

² 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.
### 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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Priority axis</th>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>Category of region</th>
<th>Basis for calculation of Union support (Total eligible cost or Eligible public expenditure)</th>
<th>Union support</th>
<th>National counterpart</th>
<th>Indicative breakdown of national counterpart</th>
<th>Total funding</th>
<th>Co-financing rate</th>
<th>100% co-financing rate for accounting year 2020-2021 (3)</th>
<th>For information on EIB contributions</th>
<th>Man allocation (total funding less performance reserve)</th>
<th>Performance reserve</th>
<th>Performance reserve amount as proportion of total Union support</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>ERDF</td>
<td>Less developed</td>
<td>Eligible public expenditure</td>
<td>46,393,468</td>
<td>11,598,367</td>
<td>11,598,367</td>
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<td>57,991,835</td>
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<td>46,393,468</td>
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<td>2.a</td>
<td>ESF</td>
<td>Less developed</td>
<td>Eligible public expenditure</td>
<td>71,880,327</td>
<td>17,970,083</td>
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<td>67,398,438</td>
<td>16,849,611</td>
<td>4,481,889</td>
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<td>2.b</td>
<td>ERDF</td>
<td>Less developed</td>
<td>Eligible public expenditure</td>
<td>28,500,000</td>
<td>7,125,000</td>
<td>7,125,000</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>35,625,000</td>
<td>80,00%</td>
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<td>23,431,045</td>
<td>5,857,761</td>
<td>5,068,955</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>ERDF</td>
<td>Less developed</td>
<td>Eligible public expenditure</td>
<td>69,000,893</td>
<td>17,250,224</td>
<td>17,250,224</td>
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<td>86,251,117</td>
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<td>69,000,893</td>
<td>17,250,224</td>
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1 The national counterpart is divided pro-rata between the main allocation and the performance reserve.
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<th>Less developed</th>
<th>Eligible public expenditure</th>
<th>78,517,138</th>
<th>19,629,285</th>
<th>19,629,285</th>
<th>0</th>
<th>98,146,423</th>
<th>80,00%</th>
<th>69,574,915</th>
<th>17,393,729</th>
<th>8,942,223</th>
<th>2,235,556</th>
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<td>Eligible public expenditure</td>
<td>5,970,706</td>
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<td>1,492,677</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>7,463,383</td>
<td>80,00%</td>
<td>5,970,706</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>ESF</td>
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<td>Eligible public expenditure</td>
<td>1,094,659</td>
<td>273,665</td>
<td>273,665</td>
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<td>1,368,324</td>
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Total ERDF | Less developed | Eligible public expenditure | 228,382,205 | 57,695,553 | 57,695,553 | 0 | 285,477,558 | 80,00% | 214,371,027 | 53,592,758 | 14,011,178 | 3,582,795 | 6,13% |

Total ESF | Less developed | Eligible public expenditure | 72,974,986   | 18,243,748 | 18,243,748 | 0 | 91,218,734  | 80,00% | 68,493,097  | 17,123,276 | 4,481,889  | 1,120,472 | 6,14% |

GRAND TOTAL | Eligible public expenditure | 301,357,191 | 75,339,301 | 75,339,301 | 0 | 376,696,492 | 80,00% | 282,864,124 | 70,716,034 | 18,493,087 | 4,423,267 |

(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.

2 ESF allocation without the matching support for the YEI.