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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 of 26 February 2019 supplementing Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the operation of the Innovation Fund¹, and in particular Article 12(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In the framework of the Innovation Fund, in accordance with Commission Decision C(2020) 4352², the first call for small-scale projects (InnovFund-SSC-2020-single-stage) was published on 1 December 2020 with a deadline of 10 March 2021.
- (2) In response to this call, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ('CINEA') received 232 applications covering all eligible sectors and all Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway. CINEA evaluated the applications in accordance with Article 200 of the Financial Regulation as well as with the provisions of Article 12 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 and of the call.
- (3) Following the evaluation and having regard to the available budget, CINEA drew up a list of pre-selected projects to be invited to grant preparation.
- (4) The Commission consulted the Member States on the list of pre-selected projects in accordance with Article 21(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856.
- (5) Following the Member State consultation, CINEA started the grant preparation for 32 successful proposals. Following an early conclusion of grant preparation in respect of three successful proposals, those were awarded grants on 27 October 2021³. One of the remaining proposals was withdrawn due to a change in investment strategy. The grant preparation was concluded, the verifications on admissibility, eligibility, double funding, operational and financial capacity and non-exclusion were successful with respect to the remaining 28 proposals.
- (6) This Decision concerns the 28 successful proposals for which CINEA concluded the grant preparation and which – under Article 12(5) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 – require a Commission award decision.
- (7) Such decisions have been delegated by Commission Decision C(2021) 4677 of 30 June 2021 to the Director General of DG Climate Action of the European Commission.

¹ OJ L 140, 28.5.2019, p. 6.

² Commission Decision C(2020) 4352 of 2 July 2020 on the activities related to the Innovation Fund, serving as a financing decision and as a decision launching the first call for proposals in 2020.

³ Commission Decision C(2021) 7865 final.

- (8) The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency will be entrusted with the budget implementation.
- (9) The proposals listed in the Annex should therefore be funded,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The proposals listed in the Annex are awarded a grant for the maximum amounts set out in that Annex.

Done at Brussels, 1.12.2021

For the Commission
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