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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>,

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 Fund<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the framework of the Innovation Fund and in line with Commission Decision C(2022) 7547 of 26.10.2022<sup>3</sup>, the third call for small-scale projects (INNOVFUND-2022-SSC) was published on 30 March 2023.
- (2) In response to the call, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ('CINEA') received 72 proposals.
- (3) CINEA evaluated the proposals in line with Article 200 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, Article 12 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 and the requirements of the call for proposals.
- (4) Following the evaluation, CINEA drew up a list of four proposals that were rejected for grant award, but pre-selected for project development assistance based on the eligibility criteria set out in the call for proposals.
- (5) CINEA communicated the list of proposals pre-selected for project development assistance to the European Investment Bank ('the EIB') for further assessment in line with the rules set out in the Agreement between the European Union and the EIB in respect of the project development assistance<sup>4</sup>. Following that assessment, the EIB shortlisted all four proposals which have the potential to improve their maturity through project development assistance.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 140, 28.5.2019, p. 6 ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2019/856/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2019/856/oj).

<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision C(2022) 7547 of 26.10.2022 on the activities related to the Innovation Fund, serving as the financing decision for 2022 and as a decision launching the third calls for proposals.

<sup>4</sup> Commission Decision C(2021)2100 of 6.4.2021 on the Agreement between the European Union and the European Investment Bank in respect of the project development assistance under the Innovation Fund established by Article 10a(8) of Directive 2003/87/EC.

- (6) The Commission consulted the Member States on the list of four proposals selected for project development assistance and on the maximum amount of Innovation Fund support made available for the project development assistance, in accordance with points (a) and (c) of Article 21(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856.
- (7) In line with Article 17 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856, the Commission delegated the implementation of the project development assistance to the E I B,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The proposals listed in the Annex are awarded project development assistance for a total maximum amount of EUR 2 280 000.

Done at Brussels, 5.6.2024

*For the Commission*  
*Wopke HOEKSTRA*  
*Member of the Commission*