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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 (the 'Financial Regulation'),

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 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In the framework of the Innovation Fund, in accordance with Commission Decision C(2021)7404 of 19 October 2021², the second call for small-scale projects (INNOVFUND-2021-SSC) was published on 31 March 2022.
- (2) The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ('CINEA') received 66 proposals in response to the call.
- (3) CINEA evaluated the proposals in accordance with Article 200 of the Financial Regulation, 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 3 proposals that were rejected for grant award but pre-selected for project development assistance based on the eligibility criteria in the call text.
- (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 assistance³. Following that assessment, the EIB confirmed that the 3 proposals had the potential to improve their maturity through project development assistance.
- (6) The Commission consulted the Member States on the list of 3 proposals selected for project development assistance and on the maximum amount of the Innovation Fund

¹ OJ L 140, 28.5.2019, p. 6.

² Commission Decision C(2021) 7404 of 19.10.2021 on the activities related to the Innovation Fund, serving as the financing decision for 2021 and as a decision launching the second calls for proposals.

³ 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.

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) Through Commission Decision C(2021) 4677 of 30 June 2021, the decision to award the project development assistance was delegated to the Director General of DG Climate Action of the European Commission.
- (8) In accordance with Article 17 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856, the Commission delegated the implementation of the project development assistance to the European Investment Bank⁴.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The proposals listed in the Annex are awarded project development assistance for a total maximum amount of EUR 2 810 000.

Done at Brussels, 3.5.2023

For the Commission
Kurt Vandenberghe
Director-General
Directorate-General for Climate Action

⁴ Commission Decision of 6 April 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.