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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 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In the framework of the Innovation Fund, in accordance with Commission Decision C(2021) 7404², the second call for large-scale projects (InnovFund-LSC-2021) was published on 26 October 2021 with a deadline of 3 March 2022.
- (2) In response to this call, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ('CINEA') received 139 applications covering eligible sectors and Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway. CINEA evaluated the applications in accordance with Article 200 of the Financial Regulation, the special provisions set out in Article 12a of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 as amended by the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1204, as well as in the call for proposals.
- (3) Following the evaluation, CINEA drew up a list of 18 proposals that were rejected for grant award but pre-selected for project development assistance based on the eligibility criteria in the call text.
- (4) 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 drew up a list of 15 proposals that have the potential to improve their maturity through project development assistance.
- (5) The Commission consulted the Member States on the list of 15 proposals selected for project development assistance and on the maximum amount of the 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.

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.

- (6) This Decision draws the list of proposals selected for the project development assistance to be provided by the EIB following the outcome of the steps described in the preceding recitals.
- (7) In line with Commission Decision C(2021) 4677 of 30 June 2021, the decision to award the project development assistance is delegated to the Director General of DG Climate Action of the European Commission,
- (8) The EIB will be competent for the budget implementation.
- (9) The proposals listed in the Annex should therefore be awarded project development assistance,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The proposals listed in Annex 1 are awarded project development assistance amounting to a total sum of maximum EUR 4 060 000.

Done at Brussels, 19.12.2022

*For the Commission
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