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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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

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 Fund², and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) As announced in the Commission Communication on the EU-wide assessment of National Energy and Climate Plans³ a new strategic approach to clean energy R&I and competitiveness is needed to rebuild the European economy and accelerate the innovation and market uptake of new technologies and innovation for climate neutrality. In order to help the Member States and businesses to do more in this area, the Commission is preparing the new Innovation Fund call for proposals dedicated to small-scale projects and should launch that call by the end of 2020. The launch of the targeted call should complement the range of funding instruments proposed by the Commission to facilitate the recovery from the current socio-economic crisis and to contribute to the achievement the objectives of the Recovery Plan for Europe⁴.
- (2) In order enable the financing of the preparation of the Innovation Fund call for proposals for small-scale projects and of the call itself, and to specify the modalities for the launch of that call, Decision C(2020)4352 should be amended.
- (3) Member States have been consulted as provided for in Article 9(1) and Article 21(2)(b) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 140, 28.5.2019, p. 6.

³ Communication COM (2020) 564 final of 17 September 2020 from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the EU-wide assessment of National Energy and Climate Plans. Driving forward the green transition and promoting economic recovery through integrated energy and climate planning.

⁴ Communication COM (2020) 456 final of 25 May 2020 from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, Europe's moment, Repair and Prepare for the Next Generation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article
Amendments to Decision C(2020) 4352

Decision C(2020) 4352 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 1

Scope

The decision for the financing of the activities related to the Innovation Fund for the year 2020 and the launching of the calls for proposals for the Innovation Fund support, in accordance with the modalities set out in the Annex, is adopted.’

(2) In Article 2, ‘EUR 1 027 536 000’ is replaced by ‘EUR 1 132 136 000’.

(3) Annex to Decision C(2020) 4352 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 1.12.2020

For the Commission
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Executive Vice-President