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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 (The Delegated Regulation), as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1204 of 10 May 2021², and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 2 July 2020, the Commission adopted Decision C(2020) 4352³ to launch the first call for proposals for large-scale projects under the Innovation Fund.
- (2) Following the evaluation process of the applications received, the Implementing Agency (CINEA) created a list of projects, which were rejected for financial support under the Innovation Fund, but met the minimum requirements under greenhouse gas emissions avoidance and degree of innovation criteria while being awarded at least 50% of total points under the project maturity criterion and being considered by evaluators as having the potential for improving their maturity through specific project development assistance in accordance with Article 13 of the Delegated Regulation.
- (3) This list of projects was further assessed by the European Investment Bank (EIB) according to the procedure set out in the Contribution Agreement signed between the Commission and the EIB on 15 April 2021. Subsequently, the EIB produced a list of 15 projects eligible to receive the support. These selected projects are listed in the Annex to this Decision.
- (4) For reasons of effectiveness, the Commission delegated the project development assistance to the EIB in accordance with point (c) of Article 18 of the Delegated Regulation. The EIB has proven experience in providing project development assistance under other Union financing programmes.
- (5) The Member States were consulted on the list of projects proposed for project development assistance and on the maximum amount of the Innovation Fund support

¹ OJ L 140, 28.5.2019, p. 6.

² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1204 of 10 May 2021 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/856 as regards the application and selection procedures under the Innovation Fund (OJ L 261, 22.7.2021, p. 4).

³ 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.

made available for the project development assistance in accordance with points (a) and (c) of Article 21(2) of the Delegated Regulation.

- (6) 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The proposals listed in the Annex are awarded project development assistance amounting to a total sum of maximum EUR 4 400 000.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the beneficiaries of the project development assistance.

Done at Brussels, 27.7.2021

*For the Commission
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