Decision on a non-substantial modification to the work programme of the European Migration Network for 2017-2018 serving as a financing decision for 2017

Whereas:

- The 2017-2018 work programme for the European Migration Network was adopted by Commission Decision C(2016)8267\(^1\) on 13 December 2016.

- Additional funding of a total EUR 3 688 000 is needed in order to ensure the development and alignment of national systems to the Integrated Return Management Application (IRMA), which is necessary to achieve the objectives of the European Migration Network as defined by Article 1(2) of Council Decision 2008/381/EC of 14 May 2008 establishing the European Migration Network. Additional funding is also required to streamline the reimbursement of travel costs related to the activities to be funded from the grants and as stipulated in Annex 1 of the Commission Decision C(2016)8267.

- With the additional amounts above there is now EUR 18 910 000 available for the European Migration Network grants for 2017-2018;

- For the purpose of maintaining sufficient clarity in the work programme, it is preferable to replace entirely the Annexes 1 and 2 to Implementing Decision C(2016)8267;

- Cumulated changes and the increase of the maximum contribution to the allocations to actions under this work programme do not exceed 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)8267 and the changes do not affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the annual work programme. In accordance with Article 3 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)8267, the changes shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012. According to Article 3 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)8267, the authorising officer responsible may

adopt these changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

I HEREBY DECIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- The maximum amount for the work programme of the European Migration Network for 2017-2018 as defined by Article 2 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)8267 is increased to EUR 23 888 000.

- The Annex 1 to Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)8276 is replaced by the Annex 1 to this Decision.

- The Annex 2 to Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)8276 is replaced by the Annex 2 to this Decision.

For the Commission
Matthias RUETE
Director-General
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