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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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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 Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on the establishment of a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014², and in particular Article 17(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision which constitutes the annual work programme. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 4793 final of 24 June 2021 and Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 317 final of 14 January 2022 establish the annual work programmes for the EU4Health Programme for the years 2021 and 2022, respectively.
- (3) Some changes to the EU4Health work programmes for the years 2021 and 2022 are necessary in view of the improved COVID-19 situation and the need to gather intelligence on health threats and relevant medical countermeasures with the support of meaningful partnerships, to ensure interoperability of IT platforms for intelligence gathering and analysis, and contribute to reinforce the global health emergency preparedness and response architecture. New funding needs are furthermore resulting from the current situation of conflict in the Republic of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as 'Ukraine'). In view of that situation, it is considered appropriate to contribute to mitigating the unprecedented impact on the mental health of displaced people in the Union coming from Ukraine and in particular on the most vulnerable groups among them suffering from psychologically traumatic experiences.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p. 1.

- (4) Concerning the 2021 work programme, the planned funding of a part of the action for the preparation of the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) related to the flexible manufacturing of COVID-19 therapeutics (CP-p-06.3: improving access to COVID-19 therapeutics at Union level) is no longer necessary due to the progress of the COVID-19 situation, while the call for tenders related to intelligence gathering (CP-p-06.2) was unsuccessful. The amounts for those actions should be allocated to support a network of laboratories to strengthen the informed decision-making of the Commission's HERA, to strengthen the capacity and interoperability of Member States' information technology systems on intelligence gathering and to support global initiatives on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response by the World Health Organisation.
- (5) Concerning the 2022 work programme, a contribution agreement should be signed with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies under indirect management, to provide mental health and psychosocial support to individuals fleeing Ukraine. As a consequence, the budget for two actions, DP-g-22-07.04: implementing promising best practice(s) to improve mental health and psychosocial wellbeing in migrant and refugee populations, and DP-g-22-06.03: direct grant to Member States authorities on prevention of NCDs - cardiovascular disease and diabetes, should be reduced to fund that contribution.
- (6) Therefore, the annual financing decisions constituting the 2021 and 2022 work programmes should be amended accordingly.
- (7) To ensure legal certainty and ease of reference the Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 4793 and Annexes I and II to Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 317 should be replaced.
- (8) The EU4Health Steering Group has been informed during the preparation of this Decision.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EU4Health Programme Committee established by Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Amendment to the work programme for 2021

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 4793 final is replaced by the text of Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

Amendment to the work programme for 2022

1. Annex I to Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 317 final is replaced by the text of Annex II to this Decision.

2. Annex II to Commission implementing Decision C(2022) 317 final is replaced by the text of Annex III to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 12.4.2022

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission