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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, 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 282/2014<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 7 (1), Article 13 (1) point (b) and 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 programme for the years 2021 and 2022 are necessary in view of the fact that certain actions should be implemented through indirect management mode, whereby the Commission delegates budget implementation tasks to third entities to achieve a set of Union objectives relying on their rules, systems and procedures. Indirect management is the appropriate management mode for entrusting Union funds to international organisations that have undergone an ex-ante assessment of their rules, systems and procedures -the so called 'pillar assessment'-in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom)

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p. 1.

2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the ‘Financial Regulation’)<sup>3</sup>.

- (4) Concerning the 2021 work programme, in view of the fact that the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Council of Europe (CoE) have been pillar-assessed, the following actions of the work programme for the year 2021 should be implemented via the conclusion of Contribution Agreements: collection and support for implementation of innovative best practices and research results on non-communicable diseases (OECD, DP-g-07.2.1) and establishment of a Cancer Inequalities Registry to map disparities and inequalities between Member States and regions (OECD, DP/C-g-11.2.2); support of Member States in improving access to healthcare and effectiveness of health coverage, taking into account vulnerabilities of specific groups and targeted intervention (WHO, HS-g-14.1.1); improving the quality, safety and availability of substances of human origin, disseminating best practices, implementing Union standards and tackling new challenges (CoE, HS-g-17.1.1); State of Health in the EU (4th cycle): ‘Health at a Glance: Europe 2022’, Country Health Profiles 2023 and strengthened Voluntary Exchanges Budget (OECD, HS-g-14.2.1) and EU Health System resilience testing and support programme (OECD, HS-g-23.1.1/2).
- (5) Concerning the 2022 work programme, the following action should be implemented via the conclusion of a Contribution Agreement: contribution to the Cancer Inequalities Registry to monitor national cancer control policies (WHO European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, CR-g-22-10.01/03).
- (6) Therefore, the annual financing decisions constituting the 2021 and 2022 work programmes should be amended accordingly. The contribution agreements for the 2021 work programme should be signed by the end of 2022 to allow the international organisations to benefit from the allocated Union funds.
- (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*

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

#### *Article 2*

##### *Amendment to the work programme for 2022*

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<sup>3</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1-222.

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, 25.7.2022

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*