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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010[(1)], and in particular Article 21 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, within the first year after the entry into force of that Regulation, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts detailing the transport funding priorities to be reflected in the work programmes for the duration of the CEF for eligible actions under Article 7(2). It is therefore necessary that the delegated act detailing the transport funding priorities is adopted before the adoption of the work programmes.

(2) According to Article 21(3), the transport funding priorities should take into account the eligible actions contributing to projects of common interest in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)] listed under Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.

(3) The eligible actions listed in Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 are further detailed in Articles 10 and 11 of that Regulation providing the maximum applicable funding rates for those actions. It is therefore appropriate to refer to the actions as listed in those Articles in order to detail the transport funding priorities.

(4) Projects of common interest as listed in Part I of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 are eligible to the multiannual work programmes referred to in Article 17(3) of that Regulation. Projects not listed in Part I of Annex I but eligible as per Article 7(2) of that Regulation are eligible to the annual work programmes.

(5) Considering that Article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 refers to the transport specific objectives of Article 4(2) of that Regulation, it is appropriate to refer to those objectives for the purpose of this Regulation.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 275/2014. (See end of Document for details)*

(6) Considering that financial instruments are to receive EU contribution under the annual work programmes, it is appropriate to include hereby a corresponding priority.

(7) Programmes support actions listed in Article 5(2)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, consisting of technical and administrative assistance expenses incurred by the Commission for the management of the Connecting Europe Facility and capped at 1 % of the financial envelope, will not be covered by the work programmes. However the programme support actions contributing to projects of common interest as provided for in Article 7(2) and referred to in Article 5(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 will be covered by the work programmes and are included hereby with a corresponding priority.

(8) All resources referred in Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013, including the resources transferred from the Cohesion Fund will be covered under the same work programmes. According to Article 11 of that Regulation, the resources transferred from the Cohesion Fund will be subject to specific calls for proposals.

(9) This Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, in order to allow for the timely adoption of the implementing acts provided for in Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The text set out in the Annex to this Regulation is added as Part VI of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the first day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2014.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO