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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 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Commission Decision adopting DG Justice's annual programme of grants and contracts for the Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) programme, serving as a financing decision for 2017¹ (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financing Decision subject to modification').
- (2) In accordance with Article 94(4) and 188(2) of the Rules of Application, any substantial change in the financing decision already adopted shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (3) The modification reflects the Commission special interest to ensure timely and appropriate funding for the awareness raising activities in the area of data protection. The EU's data protection reform package is one of the major achievements of this Commission and at the cornerstone of the Digital Single Market. The General Data Protection Regulation will become applicable in May 2018 and it is essential that the national Data Protection Authorities are supported as enforcers and as bodies responsible to promote public awareness and understanding of the new legislation. The Commission therefore wishes to launch a restricted call for proposals to support national Data Protection Authorities' awareness-raising activities. This call will be restricted to national Data Protection Authorities and its budget will be increased from €1.000.000 to €2.000.000. The budget indicated for procurement activities in the respective budget line 33 02 01 will be reduced from € 4 445 000 to € 3 445 000. The list of foreseen procurement activities remains unchanged.
- (4) The change in the Financing Decision subject to modification has no financial impact on the REC programme.
- (5) This Decision modifies the 2017 annual work programme Annex Sections: Section 1 "Overview table", 1.2.5 "Restricted call for proposals to national Data Protection

¹ Commission decision C(2017) 1316 of 01.03.2017.

Authorities to ensure the highest level of protection of privacy and personal data" and 1.4 Procurement.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the REC Committee established by Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Sections 1. (Overview Table), 1.2.5. and 1.4 in Annex of the Financing Decision subject to modification are replaced by sections 1. (Overview Table), 1.2.5. and 1.4 in Annex of the present Decision.

Article 2

All remaining Articles and all remaining sections of Annex of the Financing Decision subject to modification remain unchanged by this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 30.10.2017

For the Commission

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