COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of XXX

on the financing of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme and the adoption of the work programme for 2026-2027

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union[[1]](#footnote-1) (‘the Financial Regulation’), and in particular Article 110(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014[[2]](#footnote-2) (‘the programme’), and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

1. In order to ensure the implementation of the programme, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which is to constitute the multiannual work programme, for years 2026-2027 in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 (‘the Financial Regulation’).
2. The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures[[3]](#footnote-3) adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
3. It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
4. In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to determine the changes, which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
5. The activities should contribute to climate and gender-equality mainstreaming in line with the Commission Communication ‘The European Green Deal’[[4]](#footnote-4) and the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources[[5]](#footnote-5).
6. Pursuant to Article 62(1), first subparagraph, point (c), of the Financial Regulation, indirect management is to be used for the actions specified in the work programme.
7. The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regard to persons and entities entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation. To that end, and before a contribution agreement can be signed, such persons and entities are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 157(4) of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) of the Financial Regulation.
8. It is necessary to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants in accordance with Article 198(d) of the Financial Regulation.
9. The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme Committee established by Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2021/692,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
**The work programme**

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme for years 2026 and 2027, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

Article 2
**Union contribution**

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2026-2027 is 579 651 990 set at EUR 279 681 120 in 2026 and EUR 299 970 870 in 2027, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

* 1. budget line 07 06 01: EUR 50 013 550 for 2026 and EUR 52 239 645 for 2027;
	2. budget line 07 06 02: EUR 73 775 165 for 2026 and EUR 58 604 965 for 2027;
	3. budget line 07 06 03: EUR 35 129 939 for 2026 and EUR 37 712 026 for 2027;
	4. budget line 07 06 04: EUR 120 762 466 for 2026 and EUR 151 414 234 for 2027.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations:

(a) as provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2026, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths;

(b) as provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2027 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

*Article 3***Flexibility clause**

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

*Article 4***Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons**

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Annex.

*Article* 5
**Grants awarded without a call for proposals**

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex the bodies selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Annex.

Done at Brussels,

 For the Commission

 Michael MCGRATH
 Member of the Commission

1. Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.09.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. OJ L156, 5.5.2021, p. 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) – Note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In the case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. COM (2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources (OJ L 433I , 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2020/1222/oj>). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)