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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, hereafter referred to as the ‘Financial Regulation’, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2023/1525 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 July 2023 on supporting ammunition production (ASAP)², hereafter referred to as the ‘ASAP Regulation’, and in particular Articles 12 and 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 7320 final of 18 October 2023 on the financing of the instrument on supporting ammunition production (ASAP) and the adoption of the work programme for 2023-2025, and in particular its Article 5 thereof, envisages the potential allocation of EUR 30 000 000 to actions under a Ramp-up Fund, to be implemented under indirect management, subject to the conditions laid down in its Annex.
- (2) The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 7320 final of 18 October 2023 on the financing of the instrument on supporting ammunition production (ASAP) and the adoption of the work programme for 2023-2025 conditions the actual implementation of the Ramp-up Fund to the results of an exploratory phase where the Commission will explore the most appropriate way to support such rapid ramp-up.
- (3) The same Annex foresees that, subject to the results of the exploratory phase, the EUR 30 000 000 may be reallocated to grants under direct management.
- (4) Having conducted an exploratory phase, no fully suitable option has been identified to implement the Ramp-up Fund, in line with the ASAP objectives and its timeline.
- (5) The non-implementation of the Ramp-up Fund represents a substantial change to Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 7320 final.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1

² OJ L 185, 24.7.2023, p.185

- (6) The outcome of the evaluations requires a redistribution of budget allocation between calls and topics.
- (7) The Kingdom of Norway has confirmed its participation to Regulation (EU) No 2023/1525 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 July 2023 on supporting ammunition production (ASAP), leading to an increase of the available budget for the programme.
- (8) The budget reallocation, redistributions and increase altogether amount to more than 20% of the initial operational budget.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ASAP Programme Committee, established by Article 16 of the ASAP Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 7320 final is amended as follows:

- (1) The first paragraph of Article 2 is replaced by the following:

‘The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2023-2025 is set at EUR 514 861 958, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

(a) budget line 13.0701: EUR 514 861 958.’

- (2) Article 3 and Article 5 are removed.

- (3) Article 4 is renumbered ‘Article 3’.

Article 2

The Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 7320 final is amended as follows:

- (1) In *Section 1. Introduction*, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘On the basis of the objectives laid down in Regulation (EU) 2023/1525, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for years 2023-2025 as follows:

(a) for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2);

(b) for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 3)’

- (2) In *Section 1. Introduction*, the text of the *Budget line* sub-section is replaced by the following:

‘Budget line 13.0701: EUR 514 861 958’

(3) In Section 2. Grants, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

'The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 513 400 000.'

(4) In Section 2.1 ASAP-2023-LS-XPL: Call for proposals focused on the increase of production capacities for explosives, the Budget sub-section is replaced by the following:

Budget

The Commission is considering an indicative budget of EUR 123 700 000 for this call with the following indicative budget allocation per topic and fixed ceilings per project:

- ASAP-2023-LS-XPL-STEP: EUR 81 390 000, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 65 000 000 per project

- ASAP-2023-LS-XPL-FAST: EUR 42 310 000, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 20 000 000 per project'

(5) In Section 2.2 ASAP-2023-LS-POW: Call for proposals focused on the increase of production capacities for powders, the first sentence of the Additional information sub-section is replaced by the following:

Budget

The Commission is considering an indicative budget of EUR 248 100 000 for this call with the following indicative budget allocation per topic and fixed ceilings per project:

- ASAP-2023-LS-POW-STEP: EUR 221 900 000, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 47 000 000 per project

- ASAP-2023-LS-POW-FAST: EUR 26 200 000, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 10 000 000 per project'

(6) In Section 2.3 ASAP-2023-LS-SHL: Call for proposals focused on the increase of production capacities for shells, the first sentence of the Additional information sub-section is replaced by the following:

Budget

The Commission is considering an indicative budget of EUR 89 600 000 for this call with the following fixed ceiling per project:

- ASAP-2023-LS-SHL-IPC: maximum EU contribution of EUR 22 500 000 per project'

(7) In Section 2.4 ASAP-2023-LS-MIS: Call for proposals focused on the increase of production capacities for missiles, the first sentence of the Additional information sub-section is replaced by the following:

Budget

The Commission is considering an indicative budget of EUR 50 000 000 for this call with the following fixed ceiling per project:

- ASAP-2023-LS-MIS-IPC: maximum EU contribution of EUR 10 000 000 per project'

(8) In Section 2.5 ASAP-2023-LS-TRC: Call for proposals focused on testing and reconditioning certification for artillery ammunition, the first sentence of the Additional information sub-section is replaced by the following:

Budget

The Commission is considering an indicative budget of EUR 2 000 000 for this call with the following fixed ceiling per project:

- ASAP-2023-LS-TRC-AM: maximum EU contribution of EUR 2 000 000 per project'

(9) In Section 3. Procurement, the text of the Amount sub-section is replaced by the following:

'EUR 1 461 958.'

(10) Section 4. Actions implemented in indirect management is removed.

(11) Section 5. Contribution to blending facilities is removed.

(12) In APPENDIX 1: Overview of the calls for proposals, budget and topics from a thematic perspective, the last two columns of the table are replaced by the following:

Topics	Total indicative call budget
ASAP-2023-LS-XPL-STEP Indicative budget: EUR 81 390 000 Fixed ceiling per project: EUR 65 000 000 ASAP-2023-LS-XPL-FAST Indicative budget: EUR 42 310 000 Fixed ceiling per project: EUR 20 000 000	EUR 123 700 000
ASAP-2023-LS-POW-STEP Indicative budget: EUR 221 900 000 Fixed ceiling per project: EUR 47 000 000 ASAP-2023-LS-POW-FAST Indicative budget: EUR 26 200 000 Fixed ceiling per project: EUR 10 000 000	EUR 248 100 000
ASAP-2023-LS-SHL-IPC Fixed ceiling per project: EUR 22 500 000	EUR 89 600 000
ASAP-2023-LS-MIS-IPC Fixed ceiling per project: EUR 10 000 000	EUR 50 000 000
ASAP-2023-LS-TRC-AM Fixed ceiling per project: EUR 2 000 000	EUR 2 000 000

Done at Brussels, 11.4.2024

For the Commission
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