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(Text with EEA relevance)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III), hereafter “the Instrument”, sets out in its Article 3 the general and specific objectives, the thematic priorities for assistance – further elaborated in its Annex II - as well as the thematic priorities for assistance for cross-border cooperation between beneficiaries listed in its Annex I – further elaborated in its Annex III. The Instrument should be supplemented by setting out certain specific objectives and thematic priorities for cooperation related to the matters referred to in its Article 3, paragraph 3, points (a) to (m) and point (r) and paragraph 4, points (a) to (j).

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission has carried out substantial consultation with experts from the EU Member States, who generally supported the content of the act during the two meetings held. A draft of this Delegated Regulation was also made available to the European Parliament and the Council. In addition, stakeholders' comments on the draft Delegated Regulation were collected in the context of the Better Regulation feedback mechanism during the period between 26 July and 23 August. Comments from 4 entities (international organisations, members of civil society) were received.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The delegated act sets out the specific objectives and thematic priorities for assistance related to the matters outlined in paragraph 3, points (a) to (m) and point (r) and in paragraph 4, points (a) to (j) of Article 3 of the Instrument and further elaborated in its Annexes II and III.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)¹, and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annexes II and III of Regulation 2021/1529 set out the thematic priorities for assistance.
- (2) Specific objectives and thematic priorities for assistance should be further developed through additional provisions supplementing Regulation 2021/1529.
- (3) This Regulation covers certain specific objectives and thematic priorities for assistance referred to in Article 3, paragraph 6, of Regulation 2021/1529,
- (4) In order to ensure the adoption of the programming and financing decisions under Regulation 2021/1529 without delay, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specific objectives and thematic priorities for assistance related to the matters referred to in Article 3, paragraph 3, points (a) to (m) and point (r) and in Article 3, paragraph 4, points (a) to (j) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529, are set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

¹ OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p. 1.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 1.10.2021

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN