

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the multiannual action plan for 2021-2023 is set at EUR 12 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line B2021-14.020131 of the general budget of the Union, as follows:

- (a) EUR 6 000 000 from the general budget of the Union for 2021;
- (b) EUR 4 000 000 from the general budget of the Union for 2022;
- (c) EUR 2 000 000 from the general budget of the Union for 2023.

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 provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2022 and 2023 following the adoption of the respective budget by the budget authority.

*Article 3*  
*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 or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3.3 of the Annex.

*Article 4*  
*Flexibility clause*

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation provided that these changes<sup>7</sup> do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

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.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2021

*For the Commission*  
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<sup>7</sup> These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.