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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 16 September 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the **European Union**. The notification concerns new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS:2**).

Table DS:2

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: EUROPEAN UNION

Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction

(1) FULL TITLE OF MEASURE:

Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

(2) DOMESTIC LEGISLATION REFERENCE:

- REGULATION (EU) 2021/695 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination – 2021/695 of 28 April 2021
- COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/764 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
- COMMISSION DECISION C(2021)4200 of 15 June 2021 - Calls for proposals and related activities under the 2021-2022 work programme under Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027)
- Work programme 2021/2022 for the soil health mission to be adopted in December 2021.

(3) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE WITH REFERENCE TO CRITERIA:

Provision of grants financing research and innovation projects selected after calls for proposals. Those projects are transnational and benefit entities (universities, research centres, private sector, NGOs, etc.) from the EU, associated countries and third countries with the exception of industrialised countries and the BRICS.

The measure concerns the Intervention Area "agriculture, forestry and rural areas" of Horizon Europe Cluster 6 "food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment" (Cluster 6 is one of the components of Pillar II of Horizon Europe). Research activities will include the following areas: agricultural systems, crops, livestock, forestry, rural development, socio-economic research and will aim to foster sustainability and deal with climate change. The spending on this measure will be notified under paragraph 2 (a) of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

(4) COST OF MEASURE:

Operational expenses of EUR 686 million are available for 2021 and 2022 for Intervention Area "agriculture, forestry and rural areas" of Horizon Europe work programme 2021/2022. In addition, EUR 167 million will be devoted to Research&Innovation (R&I) activities in the area of soil as part of the R&I mission in the area of soil health and food ("A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 Living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils in Europe by 2030 for food, people, nature and the climate"). Therefore a total of EUR 853 million is expected to be spent in 2021 and 2022.

(5) DATE OF ENTRY INTO EFFECT:

28 April 2021

(6) PERIOD OF APPLICATION:

The measure covers the period 2021-2027, however the level of resources for "agriculture, forestry and rural areas" have been decided only for 2021-2022.

(7) PRODUCTS TO PRINCIPALLY BENEFIT (IF ANY INDIVIDUAL PRODUCT(S)):

The measures concerning research and innovation are not intended to support individual products.