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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999¹, and in particular Article 33(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 July 2009, Ireland submitted through the computer system for data exchange with the Commission a request for the revision of the operational programme " Border, Midland and Western ERDF Regional Operational Programme" for Community assistance from the European Regional Development Fund under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective in the Border, Midland and Western region in Ireland adopted by Commission Decision C(2007)5162 of 16 October 2007.
- (2) The proposed revision of the operational programme, including the increase of the Community co-financing rates, is justified by significant socio-economic changes. The increase of the Community co-financing rate is specifically necessary in view of the current serious economic crisis.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 65(g) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, on 3 July 2009, the monitoring committee considered and approved the proposal to amend the content of Decision C(2007)5162, in particular as regards the text of the operational programme and its financing plan.
- (4) It is appropriate to fix the starting date for eligibility of the expenditure concerning the new elements added to the operational programme in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 56(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.

(5) Decision C(2007)5162 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision C(2007)5162 is amended as follows:

(1) In Article 3, paragraphs 1 to 3 are replaced by the following:

"1. The maximum amount of assistance from the European Regional Development Fund granted under the operational programme, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 228,758,838 and the maximum co-financing rate is set at 50 %.

2. The national counterpart of EUR 228,758,838 may be partly met by Community loans from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and other lending instruments.

3. Within the operational programme referred to in paragraph 1 the maximum amount for assistance and the maximum co-financing rate for each priority axis shall be as set out in the second to seventh subparagraphs of this paragraph.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 1 is set at 50% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 100,000,000.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 2 is set at 50% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 37,500,000.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 3 is set at 50% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR.89,000,000.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 4 is set at 50% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR.2,258,838."

(2) The text set out in Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision

(3) The text set out in Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

New expenditure resulting from the amendments referred to in Article 1 of this Decision shall be eligible from 15 July 2009. Precise details on eligibility dates are set out in Chapter 5.3.1 of Annex 1 to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 8.10.2009

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

ANNEX II