

- (5) The action entitled ‘Support Measures – Cooperation Facility for Yemen – Strategic Communication’ aims to support the implementation of strategic communication activities, in line with the new integrated approach to communication in the EU’s external actions, moving away from a project-based communication to a thematic-based, campaign-driven strategy.
- (6) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (7) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to determine the changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Parliament and NDICI Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual measure for the implementation of the support measure – cooperation facility – strategic communication in favour of Yemen for 2023, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action: ‘Support Measures – Cooperation Facility for Yemen – Strategic Communication’ set out in Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2023 is set at EUR 900 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union: 14.02.01.30 - NDICI - Middle East and Central Asia.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes⁴ 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, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

⁴ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.