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Joint political statement on the re-use of decommitted funds in Horizon Europe

Earmarking among the existing envelope of EUR 500 million

In the Joint Declaration on the re-use of decommitted funds in relation to the research programme¹ the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to make available again to the benefit of the research programme commitment appropriations, corresponding to the amount up to EUR 0.5 billion (in 2018 prices) in the period 2021-2027 of decommitments, which results from total or partial non-implementation of projects belonging to the ‘Horizon Europe’ Framework Programme or its predecessor ‘Horizon 2020’², as provided for in Article 15(3) of the Financial Regulation.

Without prejudice to the powers of the budgetary authority in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure and to the Commission’s powers to implement the budget, the European Parliament and the Council agree that, within the allocation of EUR 0.5 billion (in 2018 prices) stemming from the Joint Declaration on the re-use of decommitted funds mentioned above, an indicative amount of EUR 75 million (in current prices) will be allocated to Chips for Europe research activities, while preserving to the maximum possible extent the allocations of clusters³ which are not closely related to chips.

Joint declaration by the European Parliament and the Council on the financing of measures for strengthening Europe's semiconductor ecosystem (Chips Act)

Without prejudice to the prerogatives of the budgetary authority in the framework of the future annual budgetary procedures, and in line with their commonly expressed budgetary commitment for the Chips Act, the European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to explore as a matter of priority proposals to reinforce the budget for the Chips Act with any funding in Heading 1 becoming available in order to reach EUR 50 million to complete the financial envelope of EUR 3.3 billion referred to in the Chips Act regulation.

¹ OJ C 444 I, 22.12.2020, p. 3.

² Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

³ OJ C 185 I, 12.05.2021, p. 1.