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**DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
**of 7.1.2025**

**on the establishment of a Commissioners' Project Group on Startups and Scaleups**

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

*Having regard to the Treaty on the European Union,*

*Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,*

*Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,*

*Having regard to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,*

Whereas the Commission's work to ensure the right framework conditions for European startups and scale ups requires cooperation across a number of portfolios to deliver the best results.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

(1) A Project Group on Startups and Scaleups is set up to support delivering the right framework conditions for European startups and scaleups. It shall facilitate the joint work in line with the Political Guidelines and the Mission Letters.

(2) Without prejudice to the decision-making process of the College and the responsibility of the collegial preparatory bodies, the Project Group shall ensure timely preparation and provide political steer for the development of the initiatives and implementation of priorities. It shall support the development of an EU startup and scaleup strategy to improve the framework conditions for startups and scaleups. It shall oversee its implementation and maintain strong coordination in the preparation of its deliverables.

(3) The Project Group shall ensure a systemic approach and create enabling policies for startups to grow and scaleups to scale their business in Europe.

(4) The Project Group shall bring together the building blocks for such an enabling framework, notably the 28<sup>th</sup> regime for innovative companies, measures to facilitate commercialisation across the single market, measures to ensure that startups and scaleups can access the capital they need to finance their expansion, facilitations for midcaps to make it simpler to comply with the legislation, public procurement to support innovation, measures to help attract and retain talent and regulatory sandboxes.

(5) The Project Group shall ensure complementarity between sectoral approaches to promote startups and scaleups, in particular in key sectors and for strategic technologies.

## *Article 2*

(1) The Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation shall chair the Project Group.

(2) The composition of the Project Group shall be as follows:

- Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy,
- Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy,
- Commissioner for Economy and Productivity; Implementation and Simplification,
- Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union,
- Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection,  
and
- Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation.

(3) The President may decide to attend and chair the Project Group. Other Executive Vice-Presidents and Commissioners may participate in relevant meetings of the Project Group and contribute to the work on invitation by the chair.

(4) The chair decides for each meeting if participants can be accompanied by one or more staff members, either from the Cabinet or Services.

(5) The Secretary-General of the Commission or a Deputy Secretary-General, the Director-General of the Legal Service or his or her Deputy, the Director General of Directorate-General for Communication or his or her Deputy, and the Cabinet of the President, have standing invitations to attend the meetings of the Project Group.

## *Article 3*

(1) The Secretariat-General shall ensure the secretariat of the Project Group.

(2) The secretariat shall assist in the organisation of the Project Group's meetings and prepare draft agendas. The secretariat shall ensure the timely preparation and/or circulation of meeting documents (short discussion notes, background).

(3) The agendas of meetings of the Project Group shall be decided by the chair in agreement with the Cabinet of the President. Participants may suggest items to be included in the agenda.

(4) The chair shall draw the conclusions of the meeting which shall be circulated by the secretariat. The conclusions shall be published on the Commission website unless the chair decides otherwise depending on the nature of the discussions.

*Article 4*

- (1) The Project Group is established for an initial period of one year.
- (2) The Project Group may continue to operate subsequently if the President decides to renew its mandate under the same or revised terms.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2025.

*The President*

*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*