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**Sent:** 15 January 2018 13:30  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Ares(2017)5886273 - Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15: Final report - Sampling - follow-up

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for the documents in replay to our sampling request for the Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15. In this regard I have a few questions.

Firstly, regarding items 4 – 5 – 7 – 8 please send us the related invoices, as the documents only seem to be bank statements indicating the amount paid. Also I would kindly ask you to send me the **evaluation report in English**. Moreover please clarify, why in relation to the tendering (i.e. Invoice 1 - contract with Heymo Ingeniería S.A.U. and Invoice 6 - contract with Inspección y Control de Calidad) you have opted for the negotiated procedure with prior call for competition. Please provide further information on procurement/tendering.

Furthermore, could you please provide us further information on the cost savings in relation to Activity 1 and Activity 2. Please elaborate on the significant underspending.

Additionally, I notice that the audit report on p. 9 (point 32) and on p. 10 (point 45) does not mention any result. Please clarify.

Finally, the audit report mentions sub-contracting (p.16). Could you please clarify whether sub-contracting in the meaning of Article II.10.2 was used (and for which tasks/Milestones).

I would kindly ask you to send us the outstanding information within 1 week and note that the period foreseen for approving your reports according to Annex II, Article II.23.2 of the Grant Agreement is suspended until all the supporting documentation requested is received.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Project Manager – C4 CEF Energy**



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**Subject:** RE: Ares(2017)5886273 - Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15: Final report - Sampling

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached the documentation requested:

- Sampling and procurement table filled with all the due information, including copy of the invoices and the evaluation report for item 1 (excel file).
- Declaration of staff cost filled (excel file and scanned version of the signed declaration in pdf format).

In addition, we clarify that all items in the Financial Statement are included in the audit report.

Finally, we confirm that the bank account with IBAN: ES41 0182 3994 0401 0150 4631 continues to be the bank account for all payments related to this Action.

Do not hesitate contacting us for any further clarification you may require.

We would like to take the opportunity to also wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Dear

Thank you very much for the Interim Payment Request for the Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15.

The Agency acknowledges the receipt of the payment request on 27/11/2017 and additional information, which have been received on 29/11/2017. I am pleased to inform you that the assessment of your report has started. On the basis of article II.24.3 [requests for payments of the balance]/ article II.23.2.1 [Requests for interim payments and supporting documents] of the Grant Agreement, a sample of transactions (see detail in Annex) has been selected, for which you are requested, to provide supporting documentation:

- **Direct costs:** copy of the invoices for all items in the table;
- **Procurement:** complete the pre-filled attached Excel file with all due information on procurement procedures (see Annex):
  - a) Justification for the increase of the aggregated value of the contract, if such an increase is higher than 50% than original amount;
  - b) Justification for the absence of an EU wide tendering process when the value of the contract is above EU thresholds or for use of negotiated procedures without prior publication;
  - c) Justification for the absence of the reference of publication(s) in the Official Journal (contract award notice);

- d) Information on any applicable framework contract;
- e) When below EU thresholds, confirm best value for money.

➤ **Selected procurement procedure:** Out of the transactions of the sampling, **item number 1** (the one highlighted in blue) has been selected for a more detailed assessment of the procurement procedure applied. For this item and in connection with the verification of the procurement process, you are requested to send the Agency a copy of the synthesis evaluation report or equivalent document (for example, the report on the 'award procedure' as set out in Article 43 of Directive 2004/18/EC, or the 'information stored' under Article 50 of Directive 2004/17/EC). If you are a private company or this item in the sampling is below the EU thresholds (see website link below for information on threshold amounts) - please provide explanation on applying the best-value for money rule in the procurement process.

A "**declaration of staff cost**" is also attached to this email. Please follow the template. This declaration aims to provide assurance on the eligibility of staff costs declared by CEF beneficiaries in their individual financial statement.

In addition, please clarify if all items in the Final Statement are included in the audit report.

Finally, please confirm that the bank account with **IBAN: ES41 0182 3994 0401 0150 4631** continues to be the bank account for all payments related to this Action.

Please send the relevant supporting documentation at the latest within **30 days following the date of this email** and note that the period foreseen for approving your reports according to Annex II, Article II.23.2 of the Grant Agreement is suspended until all the supporting documentation requested is received.

Upon receipt of the supporting documents, the Agency will assess the eligibility of the costs according to Annex II, Article II.19 of the Grant Agreement and will reject costs considered not to meet these criteria.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



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**Subject:** RE: Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15: Final report

DEar [REDACTED]

Please find attached the Excel file.

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Best regards,

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**Enviado el:** martes, 28 de noviembre de 2017 18:09

**Para:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Asunto:** RE: Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15: Final report

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for the submission of the Final Report of the Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15. Could you please send us the Final Statement also as an Excel file.

Thank you very much in advance.

Best regards,

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15: Final report

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached the Final Report of the Action "Engineering Studies of MIDCAT project" which corresponds to the grant agreement INEA/CEF/ENER/M2015/1118483 (Action 5.5-0054-ESFR-S-M-15)

Should you need any clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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