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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Action 8.2.1-0001-LTLV-S-M-17 - The Feasibility Study and Cost-Benefit Analysis for the Enhancement of Latvia-Lithuania Interconnection
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Dear [REDACTED]
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Following the call for proposals of 26th April 2017 concerning projects of common interest under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) in the field of energy, on 25th January 2018 the CEF Coordination Committee gave a positive opinion on a list of Actions proposed for funding.

We are happy to inform you that this list includes **Action 8.2.1-0001-LTLV-S-M-17** "*The Feasibility Study and Cost-Benefit Analysis for the Enhancement of Latvia-Lithuania Interconnection*".

For your information, you will find at the bottom of this email the overall comments regarding the proposal as provided by the Evaluation Committee. Information regarding the marks awarded to the proposal may be communicated upon request.

Without prejudice to the final decision to be taken by the European Commission in the coming weeks, and in order to facilitate the next steps, please find attached a first draft version of Annex I of the Grant Agreement for your review. We would be grateful to receive your comments and/or modifications on this draft by **7th February 2018** in order to accelerate the preparation and signature of the Grant Agreement.

Furthermore, we would like to invite you for a meeting on **12th February at 10:30 at INEA** premises in Brussels [Venue: chaussée de Wavre 910, B-1049 Brussels]. The purpose of this meeting will be to clarify any open questions on the revised Annex I and draft Grant Agreement, for you to provide us with an updated presentation of the envisaged Action and to discuss a number of specific elements concerning its implementation (objectives, description of activities and milestones, etc.). Depending on your preferred arrangements, a video conference could alternatively be organised to serve the same purpose (if this is the case please let us know).

For planning purposes, we would be grateful to receive confirmation of your availability for the meeting by **5th February 2018**.

I also take this opportunity to request that you provide us with the following information:

- Confirmation of the name and title of the authorized representatives to sign the Grant Agreement;
- Confirmation of the contact details, name and title for the official contact persons;
- Confirm who will be the coordinator of the action.

I would like to highlight that this e-mail does not constitute a formal commitment by INEA or the European Commission to provide financial support to the envisaged Action. This will depend on the successful conclusion of the grant preparation process. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that you will not acquire any rights until all parties have signed the grant agreement.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or clarifications on this matter.

I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.
Best regards,

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Overall comment for Action 8.2.1-0001-LTLV-S-M-17 provided by the Evaluation Committee

The action which aims at carrying out the feasibility study and the cost-benefit analysis (required for the preparation of CBCA), contributes to the implementation of PCI 8.2.1 "The enhancement of the Latvia – Lithuania interconnection" The action is considered a high priority and urgency. The Latvia –Lithuania interconnection is critical for the operation of the whole gas transmission network in the eastern Baltic Sea region, including the regional infrastructure, such as the Klaipeda LNG terminal and the UGS in Incukalns. Until now, the project has lacked proper assessment which would take into account the recent and expected developments in the regional infrastructure and regional gas market. The cross-regional dimension of the action is evident. The proposed action is mature and constitutes the next logical step in the project implementation. The CEF financial assistance will help the action to be implemented without delays, and thus will have an accelerating effect on the project.

Conclusion: The proposal is recommended for funding