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Subject: Your amendment request for the action n° 2014-EU-TM-0401-M

Reference: your email received by INEA on 30/09/2019 (Ares(2019) 6092079)

Dear [redacted],

As indicated in my email of 21/10/2019, INEA is assessing the amendment request that you submitted on 30/09/2019.

After a preliminary assessment of this amendment request, INEA concluded that the Action meets the condition for benefitting of a time extension. As indicated in the information note from 13 December 2018 to the CEF Transport Coordination Committee, *“Grant Agreements maybe extended for a maximal period of 24 months. Moreover, in exceptional and duly justified cases, and where necessary to reach full completion of the action or, at least, to reach full completion of a key activity therein, such extension can be prolonged up to an additional period of 12 months. In any case, extensions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and need to be justified through a detailed amended implementation plan and a robust risk assessment.”*

INEA notes that the following weeks will be instrumental for the advancement of the project. [redacted]

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In addition, INEA expects to obtain more information on the risks and on the detailed implementation plan of a number of key actions, such as the SNCF works in Saint Jean de Maurienne or Maddalena interconnecting niches.

For all these reasons, while it is already clear that INEA will extend the Action at least until 31/12/2020, there are still some uncertainties as regards the most appropriate way to define the scope of this revised and extended Grant Agreement.

I therefore wanted to inform you already that, in light of the above-mentioned elements, it will not be possible to finalise the revised grant agreement before its current end date (31/12/2019). INEA will enter into discussions with TELT in order to better assess the revised implementation plan and its risks.

I can also confirm that, even if the grant agreement is signed by both parties later in 2020, costs incurred as from 01/01/2020 and fulfilling the conditions laid down in art. II.19 of the Grant Agreement will become eligible.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

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