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**Subject: Prolongation of the regional aid map 2007-2013 until and including 30 June 2014 and prolongation of regional aid schemes approved under RAG 2007-13**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to our meeting of 20 September on the implementation of the transitional provisions of the Guidelines on Regional State aid for 2014-2020, we would like to remind the authorities of those Member States that have not yet done so, **to notify the prolongation of the regional aid map 2007-13** until and including 30 June 2014 as soon as possible. As the regional aid maps 2007-13 and the schemes approved on the basis of the regional aid

guidelines 2007-2013 will expire on 31 December 2013, it is essential that Member State authorities notify the prolongation of the map without any further delay. The approval of the prolongation of the map should then allow your authorities to notify the prolongation of schemes approved on the basis of the regional aid guidelines 2007-2013 in due time.

Concerning the notification of the prolongation of existing maps, I would like to remind your authorities:

- to indicate the number of Commission decision(s) approving the regional aid map for 2007-2013 the modification of which your authorities intend to notify;
- to confirm that only the duration of the regional aid map 2007-2013 that expires on 31 December 2013 will be prolonged until 30 June 2014 and that all other conditions or commitments contained in the initial Commission decision(s) will be respected;
- to attach the draft legislation modifying the duration of the existing maps until 30 June 2014 (if relevant);
- to confirm that the information provided during the notification procedure does not contain any confidential information.

We would also like to request the assistance of the authorities of all Member States to facilitate and speed up the approval process of the notifications regarding the **prolongation of the existing notified and approved regional aid schemes** until and including until 30 June 2014.

Provided that the prolongation of the existing map until and including 30 June 2014 has been approved by the Commission and if your authorities intend to grant regional aid on the basis of the notified and approved existing schemes between 1 January 2014 and 30 June 2014, the Commission invites your authorities to notify the prolongation of these schemes as soon as possible (after approval of the prolongation of the maps).

At the meeting on 20 September 2013, we promised that we would do the utmost to ensure a seamless continuity of your regional support systems after 31 December 2013. In order to do so and to ensure an efficient approval process of the prolongation of your existing regional aid schemes, we ask your authorities:

- to fill in a separate SANI form<sup>1</sup> for each aid scheme to be prolonged beyond 31 December 2013;
- to confirm the budget increase is limited to 20% for scheme concerned.
- to confirm that besides the prolongation of the duration until and including 30 June 2014 and the budget increase of not more than 20% there are no other modifications to

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<sup>1</sup> The simplified notification procedure laid down in Article 4 of the Implementing Regulation (OJ L 140, 30.04.2004, p. 1.) may be used.

the scheme that would affect the conditions and commitments contained in the Commission's original approval Decision;

- to confirm that the notification does not contain business secrets;

To speed up the approval process on our side, we would also ask you to bundle the notifications of the prolongations as much as possible (i.e. to submit the notifications via SANI at the same time).

We appreciate your cooperation and if you have any further questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any one of the colleagues mentioned below.

Yours faithfully,



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