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Subject: Action 8.3-0025-PLDK-S-M-17 - Preparatory works for the Baltic Pipe Project up to obtainment of all necessary permission(s) in Poland
Attachments: Action 8.3-0025-PLDK-S-M-17 Annex I - draft_25_01_2018.docx

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 8.3-0025-PLDK-S-M-17 "Preparatory works for the Baltic Pipe Project up to obtainment of all necessary permission(s) in Poland and in Denmark".

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 **8th 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 **13th 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 contact details, name and title of official contact persons;
- Confirmation of the name and title of the authorized representatives to sign the Grant Agreement;
- Confirm who will be the coordinator of the action;
- Confirm the start date of the Action (it cannot be earlier than the date of submission of the application);
- Provide details and clarifications on the scope of Activity 6 (objectives, description of activity and milestones, etc.) in line with the Evaluation Committee decision (Activity 6 is only partly recommended for CEF funding).

- Provide input on the harmonization of the text: Activity 5 and Action 6 should be described at the same level of detail of the other activities. Further details need to be provided by beneficiaries (e.g. activities description and deliverable description).

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.

For further correspondence, please always indicate your Action code **8.3-0025-PLDK-S-M-17** in the subject and only use the functional mailbox INEA-CEF-GAS@ec.europa.eu (please don't reply to this EC ARES NOREPLY email address).

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 8.3-0025-PLDK-S-M-17 provided by the Evaluation Committee

This action, which is to prepare and finalise the pre-construction stage of the project implementation, including detailed design and permitting procedures, contributes to the implementation of PCI 8.3 Poland-Denmark interconnection (known as "Baltic Pipe"). Baltic Pipe will be a bidirectional offshore gas pipeline that will physically connect the Polish transmission system with the Norwegian offshore gas network through the Danish gas system that will allow for imports of up to 10 bcm/y from Norway to Poland, and further - through relevant interconnectors - to Central Eastern and Eastern Baltic Sea regions. The action is considered a high priority and urgency. The "Baltic Pipe" project constitutes one of the priority projects under the Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan Initiative (BEMIP). It will contribute to the implementation of the internal energy market and due to its capacity (10 bcm/y) it will also provide for important diversification opportunities in the Central Eastern Europe and the Baltic States upon the completion of the necessary interconnectors. The cross-regional dimension of the action is evident. The proposed action is very mature and it constitutes the next logical step in the project

implementation. The CEF financial assistance will help the action to be implemented without delays and will have a stimulating effect on the action.

Activity 6 "Pre-investment works up to obtainment of the construction permit for the onshore gas pipeline in Denmark" refers mostly to section of the overall project which is not covered by the Baltic Pipe PCI (PCI 8.3, per 2nd PCI list, Decision 2016/89) and hence cannot be eligible for CEF funding. Only the pre-activity including connection of the pipeline to the grid (10 km of the overall 220 km pipeline) can be co-financed under this call.

Conclusion: The proposal is recommended for funding, except for most of Activity 6.