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*Your Excellency.*

*Please find herewith a letter by Mr Marc Lemaître, Director General of DG REGIO, announcing to the Member States the intention of the Commission services to propose an amendment of Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) No 215/2014 and 2015/207 with a view of streamlining and harmonising the reporting requirements across ESI Funds, as well as informing the Member States, which dispose of the relevant information and are willing to do so, that they could provide additional information on indicator achievements for the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund as well as the EAFRD having regard to the stage of implementation for selected operations, in line with Article 50 (2) of the CPR already in the 2017 reporting exercise.*

*I would be grateful if you could urgently inform the relevant authorities in your country responsible for the coordination/implementation of the ESI Funds.*

Yours faithfully,

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Your Excellency,

*The Commission services intend to propose an amendment of Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) No 215/2014 and 2015/207 with a view of streamlining and harmonising the reporting requirements across ESI Funds.*

*Article 50 (2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 (the "Common Provisions Regulation" (CPR)), requires all ESI Funds to report in their annual implementation reports values for indicators for fully implemented operations and also, where possible, having regard to the stage of implementation, for selected operations. Article 50 (3) of this Regulation establishes a derogation for the European Social Fund (ESF) allowing for specific rules on the data to be transmitted. This is further developed in Articles 5(3) and 19 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 (the "ESF Regulation") which establish that the Member State can meet its reporting obligation by providing data for output and result indicators relating to values for partially or fully implemented operations.*

*As for the ERDF, CF, EMFF and EAFRD, the Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) No 215/2014<sup>1</sup> and 2015/207<sup>2</sup> introduce different reporting requirements for the annual implementation reports i.e. managing authorities shall only report achievements in relation to fully implemented operations in some of the tables, in particular for the indicators of the performance framework. In specific cases, EAFRD managing authorities are given the possibility to report on achievements for operations which have started but where some of the actions leading to outputs are still ongoing, similar to the ESF.*

*In order to ensure consistency, provide legal clarity to the managing authorities about their reporting requirements and enable Member States to report achievements as soon as the outputs are delivered, the Commission services intend to present amendments to the Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) No 215/2014 and 2015/207. The amendments are expected to be adopted in time for the reporting exercise 2018, following the relevant comitology procedures.*

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014 , Art. 5(3)

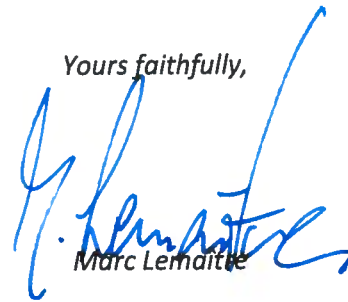
<sup>2</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/207, Annex V, Table 3A

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*Concerning the 2017 reporting exercise, Member States, which have the relevant information and are willing to do so, could provide additional information on the values achieved by the indicators for the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund as well as the EAFRD having regard to the stage of implementation for selected operations, in line with Article 50 (2) of the CPR.*

Yours faithfully,



Marc Lemaître