



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
REGIONAL AND URBAN POLICY
Territorial Co-operation, Macro-regions and North-West Europe
The Director

Brussels,
REGIO D2/IvT/

Subject: Shortage of 2013 payment appropriations

Dear Madam, Dear Sir

With the present letter, I would like to inform you that the Commission is at this moment unable to pay the amounts due to European Territorial Cooperation programmes within the usual deadlines, because of the lack of payment credits. This is despite a first increase of the relevant budget lines.

The Commission has taken the necessary actions for addressing this problem by presenting another Amending Budget to increase the amount of payment credits available. Its adoption, however, requires the approval of the two arms of the budgetary authority (the Council and the European Parliament). For this reason, these additional credits, and accordingly new payments to your programmes, should not be expected before the end of October at the earliest.

Notwithstanding this current lack of payment credits, the Commission invites you to continue submitting payment claims as usual. The more claims that are received, the more helpful evidence is provided to the Commission and the budgetary authority on the progress in the implementation of your programmes and the need for more payment credits. Moreover, sending payment applications is also in your interest, as it counts towards the automatic de-commitment target set out under Article 93 of Regulation (EC) 1083/2006.

The Commission deeply regrets this situation whose origin is the very constrained level of payment appropriations available for the EU budget as decided by the budgetary authority.

Yours faithfully

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