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Dear Lead Partner

Implications on PEACE IV and INTERREG VA funding of the UK withdrawal from the EU

The PEACE IV and INTERREG VA Programmes have received extensive support and commitments from all parties involved, to ensure that they can be continued until their conclusion, and this commitment has been agreed to and included within the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU.

As part of the EU contingency planning to prepare for the withdrawal of the UK, in December 2018 the Commission developed an EC Regulatory proposal which is going through the EU legislative process and is due to be approved by the European Council of Ministers and the European Parliament during March 2019. This has been proposed with the support of the UK and Ireland representatives, and it is anticipated that this will be in place before 29 March 2019.


This proposal aims to ensure, if the Withdrawal Agreement is not ratified, the continuation of two bilateral cooperation programmes involving Ireland, namely the PEACE IV (Ireland-United Kingdom) programme and the United Kingdom-Ireland (Ireland-Northern Ireland-Scotland) programme, without modifying the amounts allocated to them and their financing.

The link to that proposal is attached below:

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2018/EN/COM-2018-892-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF>

Consequently, it is the SEUPB's understanding that funding to all projects under the PEACE IV and INTERREG VA Programmes is guaranteed under the current programming period, irrespective of the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU.

Yours sincerely



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