European Climate, Infrastructure, and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) European Commission W910 1049 Bruxelles/Brussel BELGIUM

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Request for Partner Change in the Concerted Action EPBD 6 Project

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia, hereby request a change of partnership in the Concerted Action EPBD 6 (CA EPBD 6) project due to a governmental restructuring in Estonia. The responsibilities for implementing the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) together with CA EPBD 6 project have been transferred to the newly established Ministry of Climate as of July 1, 2023. Consequently, we request that the Ministry of Climate replaces the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications as the partner for this project, effective from that date.

According to the Act by the Parliament of Estonia on June 21, 2023 (see Annex I), several areas, including construction and housing, energy, maritime economy, and mineral resources, were merged under the new Ministry of Climate (§ 61 lg 1 and § 105¹⁹ lg 3). The Department of Construction and Housing, previously part of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications and responsible for implementing the EPBD, now operates as the Department of Construction and Living Environment under the Ministry of Climate. This department falls under the Deputy Secretary General of Living Environment and Circular Economy in the Ministry of Climate.

The Ministry of Climate officially commenced its operations on July 1, 2023. As part of this transition, the budget for CA EPBD 6, previously managed by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, was transferred to the Ministry of Climate. Additionally, the Ministry of Climate has taken full responsibility for all activities and reporting obligations related to the project.

In light of the above, we request that:

- 1. The Ministry of Climate replaces the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications as the partner of the CA EPBD 6 project, effective from July 1, 2023.
- 2. The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications' partnership is terminated as of the same date.
- 3. The Ministry of Climate, operating under a new Participant Identification Code (PIC: 941609750), takes over all reporting obligations for the project from July 1, 2023. The

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Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications retains its original PIC (963638450). Otherwise, it is requested that the reporting from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications happens at the same time as the midterm reporting (cost statement) for the CA EPBD 6 report.

We have attached the following documents to support this request:

- Annex I: Amendment of the Act on the Government of the Republic and related laws
 - ("Vabariigi Valitsuse seaduse muutmise ja sellega seonduvalt teiste seaduste muutmise seadus")
- Annex II: Statute of the Ministry of Climate

("Vabariigi Valitsuse määrus nr 58 "Kliimaministeeriumi põhimäärus")

We trust that this change will facilitate the smooth continuation of the CA EPBD 6 project under the new governmental structure in Estonia. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best regards,

(signed digitally)

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