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**Notification regarding the Reimbursement  
Request for the “Biodiversity Programme”**

Dear Mr Liechti,

The Paying Authority of the Swiss-Estonian Cooperation Programme would like to inform you that we will not submit a Reimbursement Request for the Support Measure “Biodiversity Programme” for the period 01.05.2024 – 31.12.2024.

A Reimbursement Request includes only expenditures that have been verified and disbursed by the National Coordination Unit (NCU). Although the Programme Operator and Programme Component Operators incurred expenses using state budget funds from the launch of the Support Measure “Biodiversity Programme” on 01.05.2024 until the end of 2024, the NCU was unable to verify or disburse any expenditures. This is because, under the Support Measure, costs can only be submitted to the NCU for verification, and payments can only be made after the signing of the Support Measure Implementation Agreement. The aforementioned agreement was concluded between the NCU and the Programme Operator, the Ministry of Climate, on 19.12.2024. Since there was little time left until the end of the year, it was not possible to submit, verify, or disburse any expenditures.

The first Reimbursement Request for the Support Measure “Biodiversity Programme” will be submitted after the end of the next reimbursement period.

Yours sincerely,

(signed digitally)

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