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Mr. Franck Sébert European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO)

Extension of the deadline of the assurance package

Dear Mr. Franck Sébert

We would ask for the extension of the deadline for the submission of the documents in the assurance package to be presented for the accounting year from July 1st, 2023, to June 30th, 2024, along with the closure of the Programme. Some activities in the audits of operations on behalf of closure are still being finalized. The finalization of these activities would allow us to provide more qualitative assurance documents considering an extended deadline for their submission.

Article 63(7) of the Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 2024/2509) states that accounts on expenditure incurred during the reference period and the annual summary of the final audit reports and controls carried out need to be provided to the Commission by 15th of February of the following year. The deadline of 15th of February may exceptionally be extended by the Commission to 1st of March, upon communication by the Member State concerned.

Please let us know if the extension of the deadline of all the documents to be presented in the assurance package until 1st of March 2025 is possible for the operational programme 2014-2020 ENI CBC Joint Operational Programme Estonia-Russia (CCI No: 2014TC16M5CB004).

Yours sincerely,

(signed digitally) Ms. Anu Alber Head of the Financial Control Department Head of the Audit Authority

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