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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

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Subject: ESF+ Support Centre (Lot 1): Collecting promising practices on independent living and inclusion in the community of persons with disabilities

To whom it may concern,

The Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL) of the European Commission is currently preparing a *Guidance recommending to Member States improvements on independent living and inclusion in the Community*, a Flagship of the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030.

In order to make this guidance as concrete and relevant as possible, DG EMPL sent a questionnaire a few months ago to Member States' public and managing authorities and relevant civil society organisations to collect examples of specific measures or projects illustrating promising practices in the areas of relevance for the guidance. As a next step, DG EMPL has contracted the services of ICF under the ESF+ Support Centre (Lot 1) Framework Contract to assist in the processing of the examples received and selection of promising practice to include in the guidance. In order to effectively assess the practices, ICF experts are contacting the practice owners or contact points to gather additional information on the project or practice as needed.

In this regard, I would be very grateful if you could provide your assistance to ICF to respond to their request for further information. Your support will help us ensure that the promising practices included in the guidance offer the most complete and useful representation of practical experiences with the transition to community-based care and independent living.

The project manager for this contract, at the level of the contractor, is Ms Claire Duchemin (Claire.Duchemin@icf.com). You can also refer to the contractor for specific questions on the assessment and selection of promising practices and your expected contribution by addressing your question to the following centralised email address: ESF-SUPPORT-CENTRE@icf.com.

Should you have any questions for the Commission concerning this assignment, your contact person is Olga Martínez de Briones (Olga.MARTINEZ-DE-BRIONES@ec.europa.eu).

I wish to thank you once again for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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