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Dear Mr Eberhards

The Commission received the Annual Implementation Reports (AIRs) 2013 for the following programmes:

- the Operational Programme "Entrepreneurship and Innovations" 2007-2013 which has been approved in written procedure by the Monitoring Committee on 5 June 2014, was received by the Commission on 26 June 2014, and the Commission declared the AIR admissible on 30 June 2014.
- the Operational Programme "Infrastructure and Services" 2007-2013 which has been approved in written procedure by the Monitoring Committee on 5 June 2014, was received by the Commission on 20 June 2014, and the Commission declared the AIR admissible on 27 June 2014.

The Commission services appreciate that the AIRs include a summary in English.

In line with Article 67.4 of Regulation (EC) 1083/2006, the Commission services have now finalised the qualitative assessment of the reports and found them satisfactory.

The Commission acknowledges the efforts of the Latvian authorities to improve the quality of the Annual implementation reports, nevertheless, as the implementation of the OPs is now in the closure phase, the Commission encourages continuing with the

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improvements of in-depth qualitative analysis on the achievement of Cohesion Policy and OP objectives.

The reporting of the progress in achieving the Europe2020 strategy targets, objectives of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) and objectives of the OPs should be wider analysed. The information provided should not be limited to the description of the numerical achievements, but should include a more strategic assessment of implementation progress and analytical conclusions.

We appreciate the examples of good practice that are included in the relevant AIR chapters. It is very important that success stories and good examples are presented in the AIR to demonstrate the results of the Cohesion Policy. We encourage you to continue providing good examples and success stories with a description demonstrating the achievement towards the OP objectives and/or strategic objectives of the Cohesion Policy.

The Commission reminds you that the core indicators and categorisation dimensions are an important part of the annual implementation report and are used to aggregate and report the implementation achievements of the whole EU Cohesion Policy. Therefore, the correct reporting and compliance with the Commission guidelines is essential. The Commission invites the Latvian authorities to consult the Commission guide "Frequently asked questions" (revised in 02/2012) and look for the possibilities to be more specific in reporting on priority themes and economic activity dimensions. The guide is published on the Commission page for SFC2007 ([http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/sfc2007/quick-guides/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/sfc2007/quick-guides/index_en.htm) )

To conclude, I would like to thank the managing authority for its efforts and willingness to improve the Annual Implementation Reports.

Yours sincerely

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