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Subject: Acceptance of the proposed changes in the exchange of letters regarding amendments to Annex A of the MoU between Norway and Slovenia

Dear Mr. Erdal,

Thank you for your letter regarding the amendments to Annex A of the MoU between Norway and Slovenia.

The Slovenian National focal point accepts change, proposed in your letter, which reads as follows:

In Annex A, in Article 1, paragraph 1, the wording: "The National Focal Point shall be the International Affairs and National Authorities Division, within the Regional Development and European Territorial Cooperation Directorate, at the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology (hereinafter MEDT). The Deputy-Director of the Directorate is the Head of the National Focal Point."

shall be replaced by the following wording:

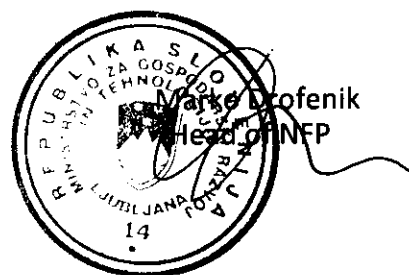
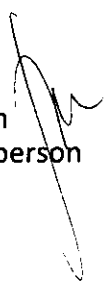
"The National Focal Point shall be the International Affairs and National Authorities Division, within the Regional Development and European Territorial Cooperation Directorate, at the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology (hereinafter MEDT). The Director General of the Directorate is the Head of the National Focal Point."

The organigram in Annex A is amended accordingly.

The Focal Point agrees with the suggested amendments set forth in your letter and confirms that your letter and this letter in reply shall result in amendments to Annex A of the MoU between Norway and Slovenia.

Yours sincerely,

Prepared by:
Mojca Pokorn
NFP contact person



Attachments:

- Amended Annex A (in track changes)

National management and control structures

1. National Focal Point

The National Focal Point shall be the International Affairs and National Authorities Division, within the Regional Development and European Territorial Cooperation Directorate, at the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology (hereinafter MEDT). The ~~Deputy Director~~ Director General of the Directorate is the Head of the National Focal Point.

MEDT is a central state administration body fully funded from the State Budget, under the supervision of the Minister, acting as a Head of MEDT.

The roles and responsibilities of the National Focal Point are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.3 thereof.

2. Certifying Authority

The Department for management of EU Funds within the Budget directorate of the Ministry of Finance shall act as the Certifying Authority. The Head of the Department for management of EU Funds shall act as the Head of the Certifying Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Certifying Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.5 thereof.

3. Audit Authority

The Budget Supervision Office of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter BSO) shall act as the Audit Authority. The BSO is an autonomous body under the umbrella of the Ministry of Finance. The BSO Director reports directly to the Minister of Finance on the execution of the budget of the BSO. The BSO is not responsible for any function pursued by the National Focal Point or the Certifying Authority and is organisationally separate from these bodies.

The performance of the tasks of the Audit Authority has been assigned to the Cohesion and Structural Funds Audit Sector, which also performs audit activities for funds and programmes under, amongst others, the EU Cohesion policy and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance. The Director of the BSO shall act as the Head of the Audit Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.6 thereof.

4. National public entity responsible for the preparation and submission of irregularities reports.

The National Focal Point shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of irregularities reports.

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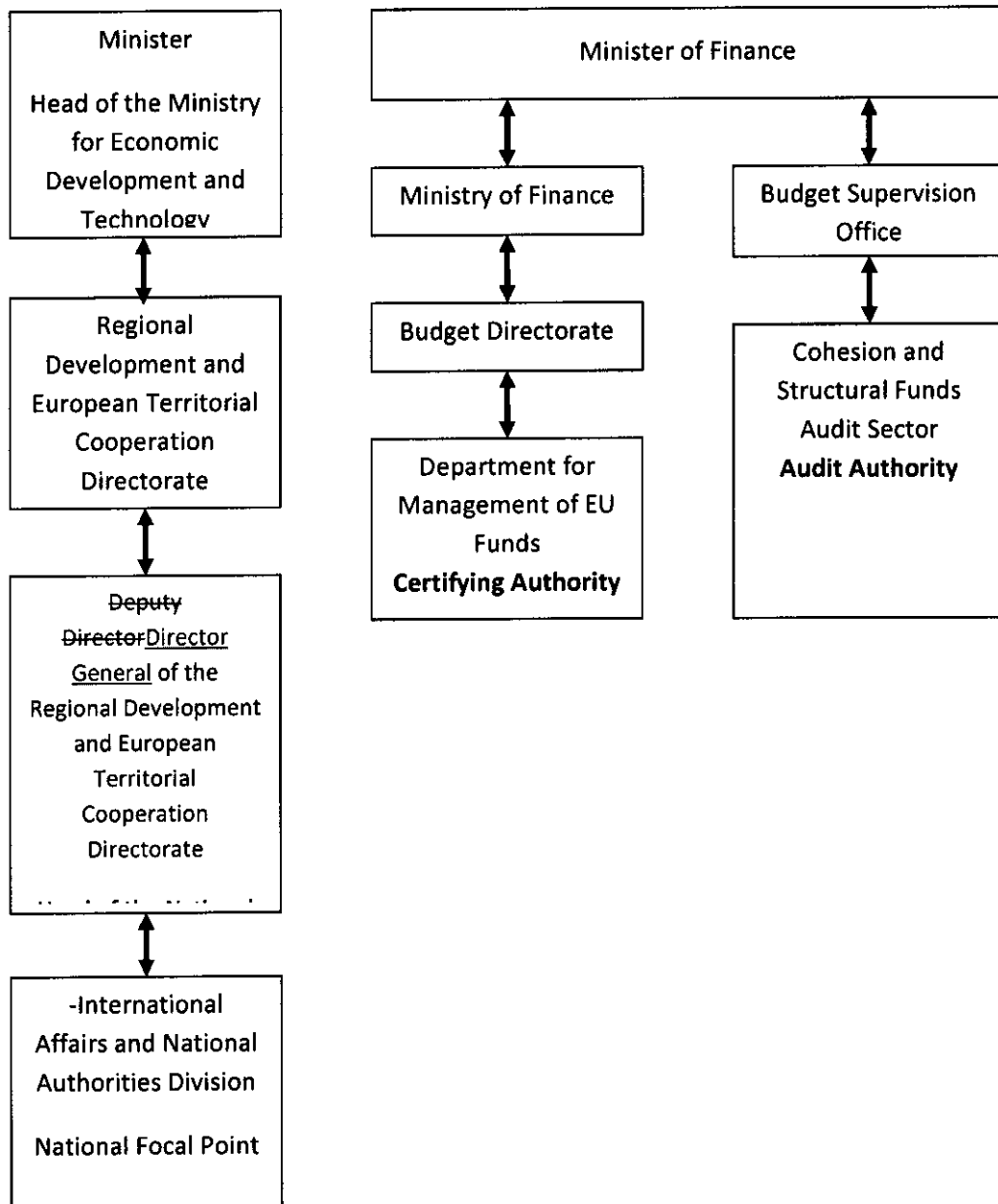
5. Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee shall be established within six months of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Its role is stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.4 thereof.

6. Strategic Report and annual programme reports

In accordance with Article 2.2 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall annually submit to the NMFA a Strategic Report on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 in the Beneficiary State. The Parties shall endeavour to hold the annual meeting in the first quarter of every year.

7. Organigram





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Subject: Exchange of letters regarding amendments to Annex A of the MoU between Norway and Slovenia.

Dear Mr. Drofenik,

Following the arrangements of the extraordinary annual meeting held in Slovenia on 19 June 2013 and in accordance with Article 2.1, paragraph 3 of the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) proposes that Annex A of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be amended as stipulated below to reflect the organisational changes that have taken place at the National Focal Point:

1. Annex A:

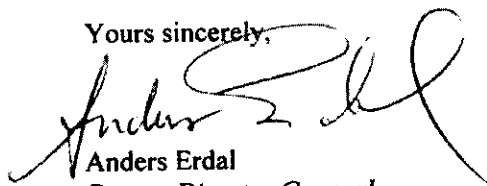
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