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### **SUBJECT: Consultation for the drafting of the new ETC "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" Programme**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes on behalf of the Joint Programming Committee of the "Greece-Italy 2014-2020" applying the partnership and multilevel governance principles in the development of the ETC Operational Programmes, announce a public consultation process for the drafting of the new ETC Programme "Greece - Italy 2014-2020" and invite the following groups of stakeholders to actively participate:

- (a) Relevant National, regional, local, urban and other public authorities;
- (b) Economic and social partners; and
- (c) Bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, gender equality and non-discrimination.

Your input to the drafting of the new ETC Programme "Greece - Italy 2014-2020" is considered valuable in order to respond effectively to challenges and opportunities in the cross-border area and establish productive cross-border cooperation in the new programming period.

The present letter marks the beginning of Phase A of the consultation process. This phase will be followed by policy development workshops (Phase B) and then a second questionnaire will accompany the publicizing of the first draft Operational Programme (Phase C), which will allow you to comment on specific programme provisions. The results of the whole consultation process will be incorporated in the final Operational Programme which will be submitted to the European Commission.

This first consultation phase (Phase A) would primarily on lessons learnt of the current (2007-2013) ETC programme "Greece-Italy" as well as on the identification of needs of the eligible area. We, therefore, invite you to submit your views – in relation to your specific thematic field of expertise – with regards to:

1. Your past experience with the Greece-Italy 2007-2013 Programme and the aspects of this Programme that could be improved upon in the new programming period 2014-2020.
2. The current challenges, needs and development priorities in the eligible cross-border area.
3. The suitability of available policy tools for responding to those challenges.

By answering the questionnaire, which you will find in the following link, [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TG-68FtAg79-AgMVtgJqxfWXOpkuVAppdfGALIGrrrc/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TG-68FtAg79-AgMVtgJqxfWXOpkuVAppdfGALIGrrrc/viewform?usp=send_form) you will directly contribute to the design of the new Operational Programme Greece-Italy 2014-2020.

**Please make sure you fill in the questionnaire until Monday, May 19, 2014.**

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Thank you in advance for your contribution.



**The Head of the Managing Authority**

**George Emmanuel**

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