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Subject: Your application for an operational grant for the second year of the CC RUP¹ (from 27 November 2020 to 26 November 2021).

Dear Mr Pavón,

Thank you for your grant application related to the second year of functioning of the CC RUP, that we carefully examined. As your application was sent before the starting of the new exercise, we can confirm you that the eligibility of the expenditure will start from 27 November 2020.

We noticed that in your draft budget, which will cover the period from November 2020 to November 2021, meeting costs (which include travel, subsistence and hotel costs) represent nearly 50% of the CC RUP budget. This would be very understandable in a normal period, but given the Covid-19 outbreak, which will affect our life for at least the next 6 months, we think that this amount is too high and should be downwards revised. This will make it possible for the CC RUP to stay in the € 270.000 envelope that was initially allocated to it for 2020². For the future however, the grant amount to the CC RUP will be revised in accordance with its needs and the sanitary situation. Should the need for an additional amount be materialised in the next 6 months, let me reassure you that we are ready to reconsider the CC RUP situation and allocate it an additional amount if needed.

We have consequently to request you to submit us a downwards-revised budget (with a maximum application of €270.000). Let me remind that, as soon as the contract is signed, we will grant you an 80% prefinancing as we already did for your first exercise.

¹ Ref Ares(2020)6303130 of 3 November 2020

² See Ares (2020)2204915 of 23 April 2020

Let me congratulate you for your good start in this difficult period, and for your efforts to be operational despite the absence of physical meetings and the distance between the CC RUP members.

My team remain at your disposal for any clarification you may need.

Yours sincerely,

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