



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

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To: European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) UK project partners

I am writing to let you know that the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has stood down the preparations for leaving the EU without a deal for ETC Programmes. We expect the EU Withdrawal Agreement Bill (WAB) to be passed imminently. Once this has been ratified by the EU at the end of January this means that ETC Programmes will be able to continue as originally planned to the end of the current Programme.

You and all UK project partners should continue to deliver project activities and make claims to the Joint Secretariat / Managing Authorities in accordance with the rules and requirements set out by your Programme and Joint Secretariat until your project end date. This also means that there should be no change for UK lead partners or the claims and payment processes. In addition, you are also eligible to apply for further ETC (Interreg) funding as part of this current 2014-2020 Programme period.

I would like to thank all partners who have engaged with our team over the last few months in order to be prepared for all scenarios. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the successful delivery of ETC programmes and your project.

Please note that the No-Deal Engagement Officer team has also been stood down so if you have any questions please contact etcteam@communities.gov.uk (this is important as messages to individual Engagement Officers may not be read or forwarded). For all delivery enquiries please contact your Joint Secretariat / Managing Authority as usual.

Yours sincerely

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