



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

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To: European Territorial Cooperation Managing Authorities

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 continue as originally planned to the end of the current Programme.

We are planning to write to all UK project partners shortly in order to confirm this and I have attached the draft partner letter for your information. If you have any concerns about this then please contact Sam Lucas (sam.lucas@communities.gov.uk). Please feel free to use this wording if you are planning to issue your own statement on your programme website.

I would like to thank you for engaging with my team over the last few months in order to be prepared for all scenarios. I appreciate the hard work and determination that went into ensuring that ETC project and programme delivery continued at pace and the team are looking forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely

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