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**Subject: Commission Working Group on Infrastructure and State Aid in Brussels on 25 November 2016 – Supporting documentation**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to our invitation dated 6 October 2016 to the Working Group on Infrastructure that will be held in Brussels on 25 November 2016, we are pleased to send you in annex the agenda and supporting documentation for the meeting in the form of revised Infrastructure Analytical Grids.

As announced in the invitation letter, the Commission proposes focusing the meeting on the recently adopted Commission Notice on the Notion of State aid<sup>1</sup>. We will also present the revised Infrastructure Analytical Grids explaining how the principles outlined in the Notice apply to key infrastructure sectors on rail, roads, ports, culture and water infrastructure, and provide an update on the implementation of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and proposals for its extension.

As regards the Infrastructure Analytical Grids, as you are aware, these are DG Competition staff working documents intended to explain the criteria that are used for State aid assessment of the public financing of certain types of infrastructure projects.

In 2012, in the wake of the Leipzig-Halle judgment, the Commission services provided guidance by way of a first version of these analytical grids. Their content reflected rules and case practice at that point in time. In 2015 following the State aid modernisation exercise, the Commission updated most of these grids by integrating new State aid rules (the new General Block Exemption Regulation<sup>2</sup>, the new de minimis Regulation<sup>3</sup>, etc.). The updated grids were presented to this Working Group in the meeting of 23 September 2015.

In May 2016 the Commission adopted the Notice on the Notion of aid within which it clarified in particular when public funding for infrastructure projects falls within the scope of EU State aid control. In this context, the Commission services have prepared a new grid on road infrastructure and revised four of the existing analytical grids (for ports, water, culture and rail infrastructure), together with the general introductory grid.

The Commission services are currently updating the remaining existing analytical grids.

Yours faithfully,



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Director

Annexes:

- Agenda for the meeting
- The revised Infrastructure Analytical Grids (6 pdf files)

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 262, 19.7.2016, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 1