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**Second information note to CEF beneficiaries on corona virus
(with the exception of WiFi4EU beneficiaries)**

Subject: Consequences of corona virus on CEF Actions

Dear CEF beneficiaries,

In our [communication](#) of 18 March 2020, we announced inter alia the following:

“INEA is currently checking whether there are possibilities to increase the pre-financing rates as a measure to support beneficiaries facing cash-flow problems. We will keep you informed. Feel free to indicate any specific situation to your project manager.”

We are now able to share the following elements with you:

- For the time being, INEA has not received any additional payment credits. Therefore, any measures have to be managed within the existing budget margins.
- **Increase of first pre-financing:** The following increases have been decided per sector:
 - Transport: we align the first pre-financing under the MAP 2019 call (= reflow 1) to 50% (those previously at 40% are now increased to 50%). Selected beneficiaries will be informed individually during Grant Agreement preparation.
 - Energy: we increase the first pre-financing under the 2020 call to 50% and we have published a corrigendum on the call page.
 - Telecom/DSI: we align the first pre-financing to 60% (those previously at 50% are now increased to 60%) for the second batch of the 2019 calls and for all 2020 calls. Selected beneficiaries will be informed individually during Grant Agreement preparation. We have published a corrigendum for the ongoing first batch of the 2020 calls on the call page.

- **Further pre-financing for Actions with multiple instalments** in transport and energy: We are pleased to note that the ASR-exercise was very successful in terms of timely submission of the reports and not negatively affected by Corona. INEA is processing all payments of further pre-financings and expects a total of around 220 payments amounting to more than 1 billion EUR.
- **Submission of interim payment requests** in transport and energy: Beneficiaries interested in receiving further EU financing may submit their interim payment request as soon as INEA informs them on the finalisation of each ASR assessment. There is no need to wait for the deadline of 31.08.2020. Furthermore, it is possible to submit each year an interim payment request, while the Grant Agreement foresees a **mandatory** submission after two reporting exercises. Replying quickly to INEA's requests in the context of ex-ante controls will allow beneficiaries to receive the payment in short time.
- **Possible extraordinary additional pre-financing**: INEA has analysed whether it could offer any extraordinary additional pre-financing to the most affected CEF-beneficiaries. The situation of each beneficiary and each grant agreement within the entire CEF portfolio differs greatly. Thus, INEA cannot set up a dedicated scheme. However, **private** beneficiaries in **real and urgent** need, which are not eligible for any national support scheme, may contact INEA to explore on an individual basis whether a supplementary payment could be made. In case of multi-beneficiary grant agreements, the coordinator should contact INEA. INEA will deal with any such request individually and subject to budget availability.

On behalf of all INEA staff, we would like to wish you all the best under these difficult circumstances

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