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The Director-General

Brussels,

**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF
HEADS OF DELEGATIONS, HEADS OF COOPERATION,
AND HEADS OF UNITS IN CHARGE OF INTERVENTIONS FINANCED UNDER ENI**

Subject: Launch of the 2018 Results Reporting exercise

The purpose of this note is to launch the annual exercise of results reporting for 2018. For the first time, this annual exercise will be largely based on ongoing interventions managed in your Delegations and/or Headquarters Units.

Since the establishment of the EU Results Framework in 2015, four rounds of annual results reporting have been conducted, covering instruments managed by DG NEAR (i.e. ENI) and DG DEVCO. This reporting has been based so far on projects completed in the previous year, yielding more than 16,000 results collected across approximately 3,000 projects. Data collected have been used to aggregate priority results through the EU Results Framework, to feed project evaluations, and to inform a large number of communication products, putting our Directorate General together with DG DEVCO at the forefront of managing and reporting on results in the European Commission.

In view of the evolution of EU development policy and the global development context, driven by the Sustainable Development Goals, the EU Results Framework is undergoing an important revision in 2018, which, when approved, will lead to a new list of results and indicators that will serve as the basis for our reporting in the coming years.

In the context of this revision, we have decided to upgrade our annual results reporting exercise by including ongoing interventions in the sample. This will allow us to report more and better on the interventions funded by the current MFF 2014-2020. A pilot exercise conducted with some Delegations and HQ Units in 2017 confirmed that data availability has improved substantially in recent years, showing that our results agenda is bearing fruit.

The 2018 exercise will begin in the course of the month of July and conclude by year's end. The number of ENI interventions covered will be in the order of 500. Interventions have been selected on the basis of their starting date (from 1 January 2014), budget (above € 750,000) and maturity (under implementation for at least 24 months). We expect this to be the most suitable basis for harvesting results. Selected blending and budget support operations will be part of the exercise.

For ENI the exercise will be coordinated by DG NEAR A4 and make use of our ROM contractor. External experts will assist operational managers in the consolidation of results data either through dedicated missions or remote assistance. You will receive further communication on all the practical aspects from NEAR A4 following this note. In case of questions you can contact NEAR A4 at [NEAR EVAL MONITORING@ec.europa.eu](mailto:NEAR_EVAL_MONITORING@ec.europa.eu).

I would also like to highlight that all information encoded will be imported into our new IT platform, OPSYS, which is currently under development. Specific functionalities of OPSYS have been designed to allow for enhanced monitoring and reporting on results at intervention level.

During the second half of this year, the first production release of OPSYS in the field of results will be rolled-out across Delegations and Headquarters Units, starting with 11 pilot Delegations¹ this summer. To avoid duplication of work, this roll-out will only concern interventions that are not included in this year's results reporting exercise, i.e. mainly interventions with a budget below € 750,000. The aim is that as of 2019, we will be able to perform the entire annual results reporting exercise through OPSYS.

Let me remind you that these initiatives are instrumental in strengthening the results-based culture in our organisation and aim to enhance our capacity to communicate the impact of EU international cooperation to our citizens.

I count on your active collaboration to make this important exercise succeed.

[E-signed]

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