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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed change of set up of the Business support system in Denmark. If adopted, these changes would indeed mean a new way of implementing the ESI fund programmes in your country.

Article 4 of Regulation 1303/2013 on the common provisions for the ESI funds in the 2014-2020 period (CPR) states that it is up to each Member State to prepare and manage programmes at the appropriate territorial level according to its institutional and legal framework and in partnership with competent regional and local authorities.

Both in the applicable regulations and in the European Code of Conduct for Partnership in the Structural Funds¹ there are a number of principles set out that the Member State needs to comply with in setting up the partnership.

For the moment, the system of Regional Growth Fora is the level where the partnership is organised in the Danish model. This set up is clearly explained in the Partnership Agreement for Denmark.

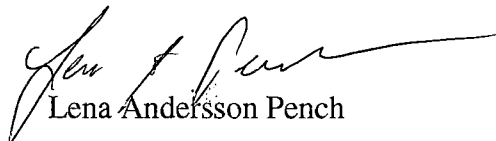
If the Danish authorities would like to make changes to the implementation model, they would need to request a modification of the Partnership Agreement and the Operational Programmes. This request should contain a clear description of how the proposed new set up complies with the principles mentioned above, notably that the partnership is representative and competent and that all processes are carried out in a completely transparent way. Once the Commission services receive this modification request for the Partnership Agreement and the Operational Programmes, we would enter into a dialogue with the Danish authorities to ensure compliance with all partnership principles.

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¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 240/2014, O.J. L74 of 14.3.2014.

I trust that you will find the above information helpful.

Yours faithfully,



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