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Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the UK Government has been publishing technical notices to provide advice to businesses and citizens in the event the UK leaves the EU without a negotiated agreement (i.e. a 'no deal').

Today (24 September 2018), the UK Government published a technical notice relating to European Territorial Cooperation (ETC). This is available via the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website. The draft Withdrawal Agreement between the EU and the UK included the provision for us continuing to participate in ETC programmes and activities until their closure in 2023.

The Welsh Government maintains that a 'no-deal' exit from the EU would be disastrous for Wales and the UK, but recognises the need to plan in case of such an outcome. Beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries of ETC programmes in Wales can be assured that should there be a 'no-deal' outcome to negotiations with the EU, the UK Treasury guarantee will underwrite expenditure in respect of all ETC projects approved on a competitive basis before the end of the programming period.

Managing Authorities can therefore continue to sign new contracts with beneficiaries in Wales after exit for the duration of the programmes. Existing and potential beneficiaries should therefore continue to:-

- (1) deliver their respective projects jointly with their project partners and continue working under a common framework; and



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**Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth Gymraeg. Cewch ateb Cymraeg i bob gohebiaeth Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.**

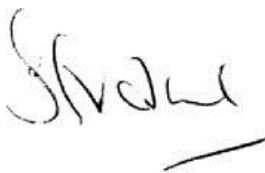
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(2) apply for ETC funding in the usual way, via the existing processes as set out by each programme.

The Welsh Government will continue to consult with the UK Government on the details of further technical notices or any other information relating to the EU Programmes and the UK Treasury guarantee.

If you have any queries about this letter in respect of your EU funded projects and / or project proposals please contact Mike Pollard, Head of European Territorial Cooperation ([mike.pollard@gov.wales](mailto:mike.pollard@gov.wales); 0300 062 8410).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sioned', with a horizontal line underneath.

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