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Dear David,

ESIF PROGRAMME GOVERNANCE

Further to our recent meeting and exchange of e mails, I am writing to confirm how LEP Partnerships are required to discharge their ESIF responsibilities as set out in the draft Partnership Agreement.

Your governance arrangements will come under close scrutiny and are required to meet the EC Code of Conduct for Partnerships. The Managing Authority will not accept any form of sub-delegation to groups that do not meet these requirements or any form of notional geographical allocation of funds.

You proposed that LEP Board meetings would be extended for 'ESIF business' and relevant sectors not represented on the LEP Board would be invited to be members of that group. This would appear to comply with our requirements and we will provide further comments following consideration of the draft ESIF strategy due to be submitted by you at the end of the week.

Yours sincerely

Mark Foley
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