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**Subject: Assessment of ASR 2019 – Action n° 2014-EU-TM-0401-M Cross
Border Section of the New Lyon-Turin Rail Link Mont Cenis Base
Tunnel (TBM)**

Dear Ms Polce,

I am pleased to inform you that the assessment of the Action Status Report (ASR) for the Action in subject has been completed. Please note, however, that the completion of the assessment does neither constitute acceptance of any deviation from the content and conditions of the Grant Agreement (for which specific amendment procedures are foreseen), nor acceptance of the methodology used for the calculation of the technical progress.

INEA noted that the Action would only be partly completed by the end of 2019 and that, by this date, more than 500M€ of EU funds would remain unused. INEA took also note of the intention of the beneficiary to request an extension of the end date of the Grant Agreement. You should submit such amendment request by 30.09.2019 at the latest and this request should contain a revised implementation plan.

INEA will then assess the feasibility of this revised implementation plan. On the basis of the information provided so far, INEA can already inform you that completing the works within a timeframe compatible with an extension of the grant agreement, will depend on the successful completion of the following critical milestones in the coming months.

| Activity/operational worksite (OW) | Milestone | Foreseen date |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| A.18-OW 03-04 Maddalena-Susa and Maddalena security area | Tender notice publication on the OJUE | July 2019 |
| A.15 Avrieux shafts | Signature of the contract | October 2019 |
| A.18- OW 05 Modane, Villarodin-Bourget/Modane-Maddalena | DCE sent to candidates | November 2019 |
| A.18-OW 06 la Praz-Modane | DCE sent to candidates | November 2019 |
| A.18-OW 07 Martin la Porte - la Praz | DCE sent to candidates | November 2019 |
| A.18- OW 08 St Julian Mont Denis-SMP | DCE sent to candidates | November 2019 |
| A.18-OW 04A Niche Maddalena 1 | Signature of the contract | December 2019 |

I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm within two weeks the expected completion date of the milestones as listed above.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
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