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SUBJECT: Submission of the request for amendments No. 2 related to the Grant Agreement No. INEA/CEF/TRAN/M2014/1057372 for the Action “**Cross Border Section of the New Lyon-Turin Rail Link Mont Cenis Base Tunnel (TBM)**” - 2014-EU-TM-0401-M

Dear [REDACTED]

acting as the Coordinator of the Actions in subject and having previously consulted the French Ministry, co-beneficiary in the above mentioned Action, I would like to submit a formal request for Amendment n. 2 for the further extension of the eligibility period from 31/12/2022 to [REDACTED] related to the Action “Cross Border Section of the New Lyon-Turin Rail Link Mont Cenis Base Tunnel (TBM)” 2014-EU-TM-0401-M (Grant Agreement No. INEA/CEF/TRAN/M2014/1057372), pursuant to Article II.12 which sets out the conditions of the amending procedure, in line with TELT SaS request (see Annex1).

The current Amendment no.1 with a total extension of 3 years, until 31/12/2022, establishes a financial grant for a maximum amount of 813.781.900 euro to the two beneficiaries, Italy and France, and eligible costs estimated at a total of 1.915.054.750 euro.

The request, as described in the TELT report summarizing the technical justifications for the amending request (Annex 4), is related to the effects of the global pandemic crisis that led to slowdown in activities - although these were never wholly stopped - both in France and in Italy, and to a postponement of some of the works in progress and in the activities of the Public Promoter.

Other elements to be considered are linked to the signing of the contracts for the civil engineering works of the base tunnel on the French side and to the tender for the Avrieux shafts which encountered unforeseen geological difficulties that slowed its progress in 2022.

Moreover, the recent generalised increase in the prices of raw materials worldwide, due to the geopolitical situation, affected procurements and, in particular, in works under [REDACTED] management.

The above-mentioned reasons brought TELT to revise the work programme on which the current Amendment no.1 to the Grant Agreement is based, while ensuring full capacity utilisation of available funds and confirming the project's ability to achieve the targets by [REDACTED]

Therefore, you will find attached the proposal (Annex 3) starting from the Amendment no.1 to the Grant Agreement currently in force, track-change version, in a period of implementation extended until [REDACTED] for the Action **“Cross Border Section of the New Lyon-Turin Rail Link Mont Cenis Base Tunnel (TBM)”**, with the revision of the control and monitoring milestones and the updated breakdown of budget (Annex 4), including minor adjustments compared to the ASR 2022.

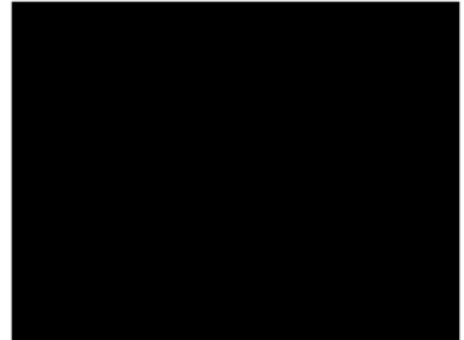
It is worth to be noted that pursuant to Article II.12 of the Agreement, the proposal does not foresee substantial changes to the activities, nor foresees discordant elements with those included in the proposal originally selected for granting or contrary to the principles of equal treatment of the promoters and confirms the use of the entire EU fund for an amount of 813.78 million euro.

Nevertheless, TELT SaS, desired also to point out that, with reference to the critical geopolitical and economic situation, the realisation of the targets is challenging, as for other public promoters, due to the uncontrolled price growth and for which general flexibility measures will perhaps have to be implemented.

In conclusion, on behalf also of the French beneficiary, I ask you to consider the proposal for a time extension of [REDACTED] being confident that these modifications will bring to a significant step forward in the progress of one of the most relevant cross-border projects along the TEN-T Networks and Corridors.

I wait for your kind, and hopefully positive, reaction.

Best regards,



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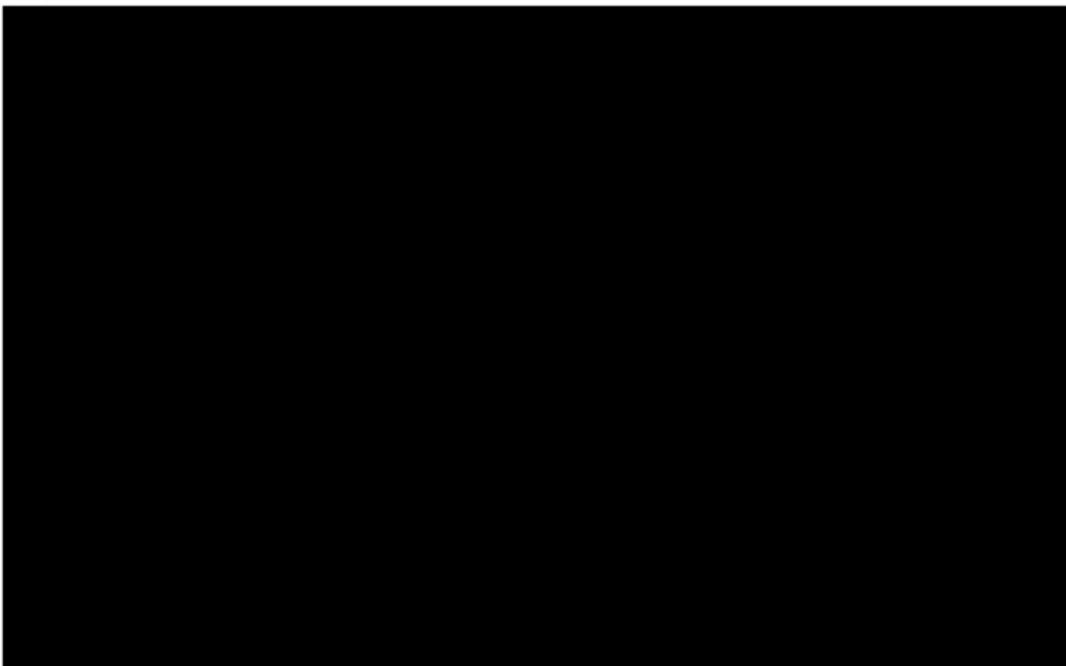
Annex 1 – TELT letter ref. no.1497-TELT_PEC_OUT_1021-DG22 dated 23/9/2022 (internal ref. no.16509 dated 26/09/22)

Annex 2 – Proposal for AMENDMENT No.2 to the GA No. INEA/CEF/TRAN/M2014/057372 – Action No.2014-EU-TM-0401-M sent by TELT on 27/09/2022 (internal ref. no. 16617 dated 27/09/22)

Annex 3 - Update of the indicative breakdown of estimated eligible costs of the Action 2014-EU-TM-0401-M (€) attached to the TELT letter ref. no.1497-TELT_PEC_OUT_1021-DG22 dated 23/9/2022 (internal ref. no.16509 dated 26/09/22)

Annex 4 – Detailed report provided by TELT ref. no.1501-TELT_PEC_OUT. 1022.DG22 dated 27/09/2022 (internal ref. no. 16656 dated 28/09/2022)

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