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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Folketing for its inquiry on the Proposal for the Regulation laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund covered by the Common Strategic Framework and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund {COM(2013) 246} and the connected proposals.

The Commission thanks the Folketing for debating and thus participating in the shaping of legislation and would like to reply by clarifying that the impact assessment and selection of projects for support under cohesion policy is the responsibility of Member States.

Member States will set out selection criteria to ensure that all relevant aspects of projects are considered in making decisions to grant support. The managing authorities should assess each operation to make sure that they are consistent with and contribute to the objectives set out by the Member State in its programmes for the period 2014-2020. The national authorities also have to ensure that all relevant procedures and national and EU legislation are respected.

The inquiry of the Folketing feeds into the work of the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council and the Commission is looking forward to reading the conclusions of the Folketing's debate. The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issue raised by the Folketing and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully

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