

# ICB

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Dear Mr Castelletti,

We write to extend our thanks for the information provided by the European Commission relating to the application of the Framework Partnership Agreement to SESAR governance and the support of your staff at the two recent SESAR Deployment Task Force meetings.

The information provided has generated some debate, and we would therefore like to raise the following points:

- The funding of implementation projects should be separated from that of the deployment manager. This would avoid creating liability issues that would be unacceptable to operational stakeholders wishing to participate in the deployment manager.
- The activities of the deployment manager should be 100% funded. The deployment manager will provide services to the European Commission on behalf of all operational stakeholders. Members of the deployment manager will need to justify their participation, which would be difficult if the activities are not fully funded.
- The role of the deployment manager should not focus on the administrative actions required to fund implementation projects, but instead should concentrate on managing and monitoring operational deployment, including all activities specified in Article 9 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 409/2013.
- In addition, the deployment manager shall ensure that deployment occurs in line with the common project cost benefit analyses and shall be obliged to inform the European Commission of any material deviations.

The ICB believes that the deployment manager should be a lean, independent and efficient organisation fully separated from Level 3. This is not reflected in the indicative proposal from the Commission, which implies a considerable and complex administrative burden for the members of the deployment manager. As proposed the members of Framework Partnership Agreement would be a clearing house for Level 3 implementation projects with associated liability for their execution.

Therefore, the ICB would appreciate the Commission providing further information on how the Framework Partnership Agreement may be applied to govern SESAR deployment noting that the ICB believes that the deployment manager and implementation projects should be funded separately. In particular we seek clarity on:

- how 100% funding of the deployment manager can be achieved;
- the flow of funds between Level 1 and Level 3 (Implementation Level); and
- the flow of funds between Level 1 and Level 2 (Management Level).

The ICB recognises the importance of considering the contents of the Pilot Common Project (PCP) and we look forward to providing detailed comments on this in September, following the publication of the draft PCP Commission Implementing Regulation.

Yours sincerely,



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