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The Director-General

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**Subject: The composition of partnerships under LEADER/CLLD Poland**

Dear Mr Sadłocha,

Thank you for your letter regarding LEADER/CLLD in Poland and in particular the composition of partnerships for the period post 2020.

In its description of the composition of the partnership in the LEADER/CLLD method, Article 31(2)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060<sup>1</sup> (Common Provisions Regulation) refers to “local action groups (LAG) composed of representatives of public and private local socioeconomic interests”. The provision is thus clear that Member States shall ensure, among other things, that both, representatives of private and public local socioeconomic interests have to be part of the LAG. Moreover, according to the same legal provision, neither the public interest group, nor the private interest group should control the decision-making. Furthermore, in this context, it is also useful to recall Article 33(2) of said Regulation, which obliges the Managing Authorities to ensure that the local action groups are inclusive. Therefore, the participation of local authorities (municipalities, districts etc. as appropriate) is required, together with the participation of representatives of private interests, by the Common Provision Regulation.

The quality of the partnership, its inclusiveness, and the relations between public and private local socioeconomic interests, are vital to the LEADER/CLLD method, and in particular to building social capital and better local governance, as part of the key added value of the LEADER method, so we encourage all the national stakeholders to take it into due account.

The purpose of the present letter is to clarify and explain the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. The reply aims at assisting Member States. It is provided for information

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 231 of 30.06., p. 159-706, REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy.

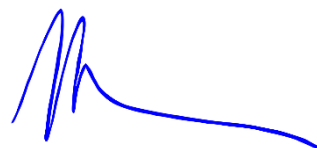
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In order to ensure a consistent approach in the preparation of the CAP Strategic Plans, the Commission envisages including the position presented in this letter on CIRCABC for information to all Member States, unless you explicitly ask not to do so within ten working days from the receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'W' and 'B' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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