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Sustainability of future Cohesion Policy funding

**Dear members of the REGI committee,**

On 22 January and in February the REGI Committee will vote on the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) and on the European Regional Development Fund / Cohesion Fund Regulation (ERDF/CF) respectively. These two pieces of legislation will determine the shape and direction of Cohesion Policy post-2020.

We would like to draw your attention to key provisions within these regulations that are needed to promote the urgently needed just and fair transition away from fossil fuels to a zero-emission and circular economy, for the creation of a more sustainable Europe that brings prosperity without harming the climate, biodiversity or unnecessarily wasting resources.

We the undersigned NGOs would like to emphasise the importance of the following three principles to ensure an ambitious political outcome and regional development funding which is fit-for-purpose:

- I. Endorse the horizontal principles that will make all investments sustainable, climate-proof, and resource efficient,** and the exclusion of fossil fuels and residual waste facilities.
- II. Ensure strategic alignment and delivery on climate objectives** with a clear reference to the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) and through a robust thematic concentration and attention to the just transition.
- III. Promote a bottom-up transformation by ensuring the involvement of local actors** and safeguarding the partnership principle and the European Code of Conduct on Partnership.

We count on your group to support the issues highlighted above when voting on the reports in the coming weeks. We are available to discuss further and happy to arrange a meeting at your convenience. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us should any question arise.

Yours sincerely,



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