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Subject: Request on the availability of EU funds for the Atlantic Corridor for Portugal

Dear Mr. Ribeiro,

Following your e-mails addressed to the functional mailbox of the Vice President in charge of Transport, Mr Siim Kallas, who asked me to provide you with a reply, please find herein DG MOVE comments on your question:

The Atlantic Axis in Portugal can be financed by the Cohesion Policy (Cohesion Fund – amounting to around 2.5 Billion € for transport and environment in 2011 Prices - and the European Regional Development Fund) and by the future Connecting Europe Facility, which can contribute with 10 Billion € (in 2011 Prices) transferred by the Cohesion Fund to finance the infrastructure at the maximum co-financing rate for the Cohesion fund.

With regards to the above-mentioned 10 Billion € transferred to the Connecting Europe Facility, these are devoted for projects in the so-called “Cohesion Countries”, including Portugal. This amount is indicatively earmarked for specific national envelopes only until 2016, being then the uncommitted amount made available for all the “cohesion countries”.

Therefore, it is not a specific capping, and it is unlikely to be a limiting factor for the development of projects along the Atlantic Corridor.

Yours sincerely,

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