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Subject: Strategic approach to TAIEX implementation in Ukraine

Dear Ms Marina Kanavets,

With this letter I would like to inform you about the new strategic approach of DG NEAR in providing TAIEX assistance to Ukraine and ask you to take the necessary measures on the national level to adapt to this new approach by informing the beneficiary institutions.

The aim of the new approach is for the beneficiary institutions in Ukraine to be able to fully harness the potential of TAIEX and make the most out of synergies with sector programmes and projects. This should be accomplished by concentrating on few focal sectors, aligning with the key priorities of bilateral cooperation and avoiding duplication with other regional projects and programmes.

In practice, this will have three concrete implications in terms of policy indications and operational guidance for TAIEX implementation in Ukraine, as outlined below.

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1. Concentrate on focal sectors and sector results

Firstly, TAIEX requests should complement country (bilateral) sector projects and programmes to help maximise their potential for achieving sector results. In line with the Association Agenda, the following seven focal sectors stand central: Short Term Priorities for Action; Political Dialogue; Co-Operation on Justice, Freedom and Security; Economic Cooperation; Trade and Trade Related Matters; Energy Cooperation; and Other Sectorial Issues. The results framework should always orient TAIEX implementation.

2. Select key priorities outside the focal sectors

If needed and duly justified, TAIEX requests should be submitted on key priorities with strong policy relevance even beyond the scope of the three focal sectors above. These in particular relate to the commitment in the Association Agenda, the implementation of key agreements with the EU and the dialogue on mobility.

Therefore, such TAIEX requests in other key priority areas of cooperation should be linked to the:

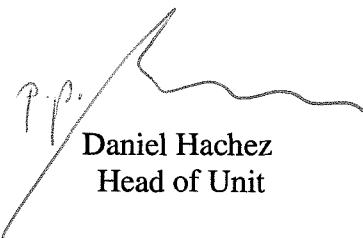
- Implementation of the Association Agreement/Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement;
- Dialogue on mobility, in particular negotiations on the Mobility Partnership and the Visa Liberalisation Process, and the implementation of the Visa Facilitation and the Readmission Agreement;
- Key sector agreements with the EU, for example the Energy Community Treaty;
- Areas of strong interest for mutual benefit (some of them intertwined with the points above).

3. Avoid duplication with regional projects and programmes

Finally – and as a general rule – TAIEX requests should bring added value and avoid duplication with the opportunities for mobilising country-specific expert advice and/or organising regional events that exist under the Regional East programme.

I hope that the beneficiary institutions will reap the benefits of the new approach and look forward to continuing our fruitful cooperation with Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,


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