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#### NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE COCOF MEMBERS

**Subject: Annual reporting on the progress made in financing and implementing financial engineering instruments - Article 67 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006- Consultation on the Guidance on reporting.**

For the first time in 2012, Managing authorities formally reported on Financial Engineering Instruments (FEIs) under Article 67(2)(j) in the framework of their annual reports on implementation of Operational Programmes.

Member States sent information on FEIs to the Commission electronically (through the FEI module within SFC2007 AIR) at the time of submitting the annual implementation reports, i.e. 30 June 2012 and subsequently revised until the beginning of December 2012.

During six-months, the Commission services and national and regional authorities in Member States satisfactorily co-operated to the laborious process of collecting, analysing and validating the required data needed for the preparation of the 'Summary report for 2011'. During this process, important lessons were learnt and building on this experience, the Commission wishes to make the reporting exercise in 2012 more efficient.

Against this background, the Commission services have prepared a "Guidance on reporting for Member States and managing authorities" with the objective to ensure a uniform understanding of the reporting requirements, and including updated reporting templates. Changes have been included to the following sections: III.5.1.1\*, III.5.4, III.5.5 (template 1), IV.1.6, IV.2.7, IV.3.5 and IV.4.5 (template 2) were added and sections II.5 and III.1-III.1.3 (template 1&2) deleted.

Member States are kindly invited to transmit the Guidance on reporting to the competent Managing Authorities and address comments and questions by 27 March to [regio-fi-monitoring@ec.europa.eu](mailto:regio-fi-monitoring@ec.europa.eu).

The Commission will consolidate Member States comments and questions and present them for a final discussion at the Technical COCOF meeting that is being planned for April.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: Updated templates 1 and 2 with instructions.

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