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*Funds and Programmes Division*

To: All entities participating in Territorial Cooperation Programmes  
and the ENPI CBC Med Programme

From: The Territorial Cooperation Unit within the Funds and Programmes Division

Date: 12 May 2015

Ref: Circular 04\_2015

As outlined in the National Eligibility Rules for Territorial Cooperation Programmes (2007-2013), 'all Partners, including non-public entities, should follow the principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-discrimination whenever a good / service is procured'.

In view of the above, as well as the relevant national procurement regulations and recent guidance from the European Court of Auditors, direct orders will not be accepted during first level control checks, unless these are backed up by proper justification, even if such justification would have been endorsed by the authorised officer/s. If, further to our controls, which include both desk-based checks as well as on-the-spot checks, it transpires that the justification provided does not constitute an exceptional case, a financial recovery as per Commission Decision dated December 2013 (attached for ease of reference) shall be applied on the respective amount.

Whilst remaining at your disposal for any clarifications you might require, I solicit your kind cooperation and extend my best regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raphael Scerri'.

Raphael Scerri

Director General