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Dear Kalevi Kämäräinen and Juha P. Korhonen,

Thank you for your letter to President Juncker and Commissioner Bulc dated of 10th June concerning The City Rail Loop-line of Helsinki and its possible funding from the Connecting Europe Facility. They asked me to reply on their behalf.

As announced on 29th June by Commissioner Bulc, the Commission has selected the projects that it proposes for funding for the 2014 calls for proposals of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), after the independent external evaluation and the internal evaluation by the Commission. This list of projects will be subject to a vote of Member States representatives in the CEF Coordination Committee on 10th July.

Taking into consideration the huge oversubscription of the current call for proposals strong focus was made on the key projects of high EU added value. It means the available funding was centred on cross-border projects, major missing links and horizontal priorities, in particular when they involved several Member States, for instance for innovation and Motorways of the Sea .

All over Europe, there were a high number of projects, representing a lower EU added value, which could not be retained. It was deemed the case for the City Rail loop: even if it is contributing to pre-identified sections of the Core Network Corridors and the priorities of the Call, its EU added value is reduced in comparison with other projects submitted. The Commission has therefore proposed to not retain the project for EU grants from the 2014 calls.

Kind regards,

Herald Ruijters