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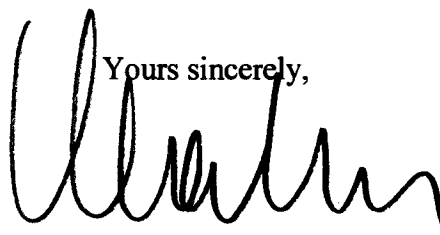
Dear Mr Woźniak, *Dear Hahn!*

Thank you for sending the opinion of the Committee of the Regions on the Common Strategic Framework adopted at its Plenary Session of 29-30 November 2012.

The Commission welcomes the support expressed by the Committee of the Regions in the opinion for the Common Strategic Framework. We agree that it shall provide clear strategic direction for partnership agreements and operational programmes and facilitate coordination and synergies of Union intervention under the European Structural and Investment Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments.

The opinion includes many valuable views which we are currently carefully analysing. We will duly consider them, also the concerns you have expressed, in the course of the trilogue negotiations with the European Parliament and the Council on the legislative proposals for 2014-20.

Yours sincerely,



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