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## Subject:Call for Expression of Interest for Public Authorities to PilotIntegrity Pacts in Projects Co-Funded by the EU Structural and<br/>Cohesion Funds

Ref.:

Your application number Ares(2015)2915723

Dear Mr Drosis

We are pleased to inform you that your application No. Ares(2015)2915723 concerning piloting an integrity pact in the project "*Restoration of Kithira and Antikithira Landfills and Construction of New Sanitary Landfills in Kithira and Antikithira islands*" has successfully passed the evaluation and this project is now included on the shortlist. This means that you as applicant are now kindly invited to negotiate with the shortlisted civil society organisation – Transparency International Greece – the establishment and implementation of the integrity pact. Transparency International Greece will soon contact you to undertake the necessary preparations.

The coming weeks will be critical to clarify remaining questions regarding the project proposed for an integrity pact and the feasibility to include it into this pilot. We therefore kindly invite you to collaborate with Transparency International Greece on any questions they might have during the preparation period. Among other requests, they will ask you to cooperate in drafting and signing a Memorandum of Understanding about your intention to conclude an integrity pact.

Please note that at this stage there is no binding commitment on either of the parties to conclude and implement an integrity pact – binding commitments will arise only in case of a successful signature of an integrity pact.

Mr Dimitris Drosis Head of Managing Authority of Attica Region Greece <u>ddrosis@mou.gr</u> In case you decide to refrain from piloting an integrity pact, you are kindly requested to inform us about such a decision in writing without delay, also stating the main reasons for this. This information should be submitted to the following e-mail address: REGIO-INTEGRITY-PACTS@ec.europa.eu

Please be informed that the overall co-ordination of the project "Integrity Pacts - Civil Control Mechanisms for Safeguarding EU Funds" which includes piloting of integrity pacts in a number of EU Member States, will be undertaken by Transparency International Secretariat, based in Berlin. The contact person in Transparency International Secretariat for this project is Ms Anne Pasquet (apasquet@transparency.org).

In the framework of the project "Integrity Pacts - Civil Control Mechanisms for Safeguarding EU Funds", costs incurred by a civil society organisation in monitoring a signed integrity pact can be financed for up to 4 years, within the period 2016-2019.

Please note that the present letter does not represent any commitment on the part of the Commission and could not constitute a ground to claim any expectations concerning the signature of an integrity pact. The Commission may, until the integrity pact is signed, either abandon or cancel the procedure without this entitling you to any compensation, apart from the eligible costs incurred by a civil society organisation in setting up an integrity pact.

Yours sincerely

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