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Subject: New Florence Airport applying Regulations (EU) No 1315/2013 and No 1316/2013

Dear Mr Culli,

I make reference to your letter to Commissioner Bulc dated 16 February 2015. The Commissioner has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The title of your letter mentions the interpretation and application of Regulations 1315/2013 and 1316/2013 concerning the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Guidelines and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) respectively. As you are probably aware, Florence airport is a comprehensive TEN-T airport. However, airport capacity development is not an EU priority as regards the development of the TEN-T infrastructure. Moreover, in accordance with the CEF rules, airport capacity development, including that of Florence airport, cannot receive EU grant support from the CEF.

In your letter you make several references to aviation safety issues. To ensure the safety of new airport infrastructure, it is the responsibility of the national competent authorities to oversee that the planning, licencing and certification is carried out in accordance with the requirements under applicable EU law, as well as national law when relevant. The Commission may only act in cases where the EU law is not applied correctly by a Member State, or where there is a complaint that this may be the case.

As we have no information indicating non-compliance of EU law by Italy in this case, we suggest that you continue to address your concerns to the relevant Italian authority bodies.

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