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**To: Commissioner for Regional Policy  
Mrs Corina Crețu**

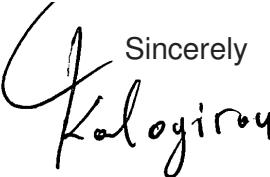
Your Excellency,

Following your last statements and decisions related to Greece and the implementation of structural funds, allow me to express our sincere appreciation for your practical support to our country.

As you are aware, the implementation of most of the Operational Programs is at stake since the last developments in the Greek Economy. For the Region of North Aegean, loss of funds –due to the lack of liquidity or the necessary co-funding– would result to further isolation for our islands and bigger burden on the shoulders of the local economy.

I'm confident that your efforts will continue in order to ensure that the absorption of the allocated EU funds for the programming period 2007-2013 will continue with the same intensity.

As Governor of the Region of North Aegean, I am once again confirming my intention to work in close collaboration with you and your services in reinforcing Regional Policy as the main pillar of support towards the less developed regions, with a special focus on remote and isolated islands.

Sincerely  


**Christiana D. Kalogirou  
Governor**