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Dear Colleague,

Today (23 August), the UK Government published the first wave of Brexit technical notices to provide advice to businesses and citizens should the UK leave the EU without a negotiated agreement (i.e. a 'no deal').

It is understood that the UK Government plans to publish around 80 technical notices before the end of September, which cover some practical steps on a wide range of issues from financial services, health, climate change to transport. Amongst the technical notices published today is the notice on the UK Government guarantee for EU funding programmes if there is no Brexit deal. This is available via the www.gov.uk website. The draft Withdrawal Agreement between the EU and UK included the provision for us continuing to participate in these funding programmes and activities until their closure in 2023.

The Welsh Government has maintained that a 'no deal' would be disastrous for Wales and the UK, hitting the Welsh economy, jobs, trade, services and a range of other sectors hard. The first priority has therefore been to guard against that possibility and achieve the best outcome for Wales. There is now a need, however, to scenario plan in light of the emerging possibility of a 'no-deal' outcome.

The UK Government is currently consulting with Devolved Administrations on the detail of the technical notices relating to the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund, and expects to publish these in the coming weeks.



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We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not involve any delay.

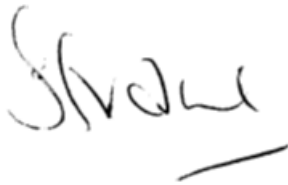
Beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries of EU programmes in Wales can be assured that should there be a 'no-deal' outcome to negotiations with the EU, the UK Treasury guarantee will underwrite all expenditure during the life of projects awarded European Structural Funds before the end of December 2020. Existing and potential beneficiaries should therefore continue to:

- (1) deliver their respective projects as agreed with WEFO; and
- (2) apply for EU funds support in the usual way via the existing business plan process.

If you have any queries about this letter in respect of your EU funded projects and / or project proposals please contact your EU funds Priority Controller as follows:

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Yours faithfully,



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