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To :  
Members of the SSC  
Members of the NCP working  
group performance

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**Subject: Completeness verification draft RP3 performance plans / updates in traffic forecasts**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to provide additional information on the process for the verification of completeness of the draft RP3 performance plans, which is done after Member States submitted performance plans by 1 October 2021.

This verification will be conducted by the Commission in the course of October 2021, in accordance with Article 13(1) and 13(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/317. Member States will subsequently be requested to submit updated draft performance plans in order to address the findings of the Commission.

Given the exceptional circumstances and uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is considered justified that all Member States should be able to revise, as part of their updated draft performance plans, the traffic assumptions underpinning the local performance targets. The purpose is, in particular, to enable Member States to make use of the most recent STATFOR traffic forecast figures which will be published in the second half of October 2021.

We would like to ask NSAs to anticipate this possible traffic forecast revision and to inform stakeholders, during the consultation phase on draft RP3 performance plans, on how they possibly may update the draft performance plan. NSAs should conduct sensitivity analysis in order to quantify how such a revision would be expected to affect the parameters of the plan, in the event of a material change (upwards or downwards) in the traffic assumptions. NSAs should share the results of this sensitivity analysis with all relevant stakeholders and raise this topic in the local stakeholder consultations on the draft performance plans, which will be held in the course of this summer.

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After the publication of the October 2021 STATFOR forecast, NSAs should immediately start the work and stakeholder consultations on the related draft performance plan updates. This will allow NSAs to process the STATFOR traffic figures and any associated changes in the draft performance plan in a timely manner, before submitting the updated draft performance plans to the Commission.

In accordance with Article 13(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/317, Member States have to submit their updated draft performance plans to the Commission within three weeks from having been requested to do so by the Commission. The Commission intends to send the formal requests for updating the draft performance plans in the last week of October 2021. Hence, the submission of updated draft performance plans would be expected to occur around mid-November 2021.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail ([MOVE-ESSKY@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MOVE-ESSKY@ec.europa.eu)).

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)  
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