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Chapter 21 – Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments



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Mr. Vanden Abeele
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Dear Mr. Abeele,

With the present letter I am sending you our proposal for the creation of 2 statistical regions at level 1 corresponding to NUTS1 level from the NUTS classification. That is in response to your letter 40112/29 April 2003 and in account of the requirements of the Regulation 1059/2003, as well as the Law on Regional Development, that is in force as of 20.02.2004.

The coverage of the regions is shown in the attached table. As it is obvious from the table, the size of their population is in compliance with the criteria of the Regulation 1059/2003. Unfortunately, the capital of the Republic of Bulgaria could not be defined being Level 1 unit, as it is not separated from the South West region at Level 2 according to the newly adopted Law on Regional Development.

If EUROSTAT agrees with this proposal the existing codes for all units at Level 2-3 will be changed, respectively. The provisional codes are given in column 1 of the table.

The proposal is agreed with the ministries in Bulgaria involved in Chapter 21 "Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Tools", namely the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works and the Minister of European Affairs.

Thanking you for the understanding and kind assistance, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Alexander Hadjiiski

Enclosure: List of the units at Level 1-3 and map.