XXXXXXXXXXXX, April 27th, 2015

**Object : Letter for support from the Conference of European Cross-Border and Interregional City Networks (CECICN) for the REPLICATE Project**

Dear Mr Euken Sesé,

Faced with climate change and dwindling fossil resources, renewables appear to be one of the most promising solutions to respond to the energy challenge. In this respect, the CECICN and its members want to foster a model of sustainable, smart and inclusive cities.

Nonetheless, the integrated approach has not yet taken full advantage of this potential, owing to major constraints. By seeking to eliminate these obstacles, REPLICATE will help to boost a coherent urban development in Europe and thus contribute towards the ambitious targets fixed by the EU in this area. Moreover, the partnership which brings together the main actors from within the sector (public authorities, research centres and economic operators) reflects the operational nature of the project.

The CECICN over which I preside is extremely interested in the results of this project. We are therefore committed to disseminating it widely among our own member networks and their 600 cities.

On behalf of the CECICN, I therefore wholeheartedly express my full support for the REPLICATE Project in which I have great faith.

Wishing you the best of success in your initiative, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Per Bødker Andersen

CECICN President