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 European Parliament
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Dear Member of the European Parliament,
 Dear Ms Krehl,

UEAPME¹, The European Association of Craft, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, herewith would like to offer you input for your report on the European Structural and Investment Fund post 2020 period:

- to avoid gold plating,
- to reduce formalities and controls to the strict minimum,
- to support the role of intermediary organisations and
- to put in place a real partnership.

According to our experience, we consider that one of the most important elements to guarantee the success of ESIF is the setting up of an effective governance system, based on a real multilevel and multi-actors approach, with the involvement of economic and social actors at all levels.

In addition, we are sending you the UEAPME power point presentation we presented at the High Level Group ESIF meeting on November 29th 2016, which underlines the four key issues for simplification of ESIF post 2020:

We remain at your disposal to further discuss these important SME topics, along with experts from our member organisations at regional level.

Yours sincerely,



Véronique Willems
 Secretary General

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