

**Declaration by Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania and the Czech Republic**

*to the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013*

We are convinced that the decentralization of the European Investment and Advisory Hub (EIAH) is a key element to the success of the Investment Plan and the objective of mobilizing private investment within the European Union. We believe that it is essential to provide high quality assistance to project promoters in identifying, preparing, developing, structuring and financing their projects. Therefore, we ask the European Commission and the European Investment Bank when elaborating the EIAH agreement foreseen in the regulation to examine and take into account all possibilities to establish where possible, the technical assistance capacities of the EIAH in a decentralised manner, including by enhancing already existing decentralized technical assistance facilities of the Bank. Furthermore, we ask the European Investment Bank to take into account the differences between Member States and regions during the implementation of the Investment Plan.