**Declaration for awareness with definition of irregularity and fraud and procedure for reporting under INTERREG-IPA CBC Programme, CCI Number 2014TC16I5CB006:**

I, the undersigned.................................................................................................(name)

Representative of (check one):

*□ MA (Managing Authority)*

*□ JS (Joint Secretariat)*

*□ First level controller*

*□ Assessor*

*□ Project Partner*

Acting as:............................................................................................................*(position)*

Hereby declare that:

1. I am familiar with the definition of irregularity, according to Article 2, para. 36 of Council Regulation (EC) № 1303/2013 from December 17, 2*013*, and namely:

*'Irregularity' means any breach of Union law, or of national law relating to its application, resulting from an act or omission by an economic operator involved in the implementation of the ESI Funds, which has, or would have, the effect of prejudicing the budget of the Union by charging an unjustified item of expenditure to the budget of the Union.*

1. I am familiar with the definition of fraud, according *Article 1 of the Convention on the Protection of the Financial Interests of the European Communities*, and namely:

*Fraud shall consist of any intentional act or omission relating to:*

1. *the use or presentation of false, incorrect or incomplete statements or documents, which has as its effect the misappropriation or wrongful retention of funds from the general budget of the European Communities or budgets managed by, or on behalf of, the European Communities;*
2. *non-disclosure of information in violation of a specific obligation, with the same effect;*
3. *the misapplication of such funds for purposes other than those for which they were originally granted.*
4. I am aware that according to the approved Procedure for administrating and reporting of Irregularities under the **INTERREG-IPA CBC Programme, CCI Number 2014TC16I5CB006** I must submit a signal for irregularities and fraud or suspicions of irregularities and fraud to the Head of the body and/or to the competent unit responsible for the examination of the submitted signals in the institution.
5. I am aware that in case of relation or suspicions of relation of any of the persons to whom the signals for irregularities and fraud have to be submitted, with the case of irregularity, the information is directly submitted to:
   * the Head of the Managing/National Authority;
   * the respective deputy minister or the Head of the administrative body
   * the director of AFCOS Directorate, Ministry of Interior Affairs;
   * European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) of the European Commission.

This declaration is signed in two copies, one for the Declarer and one for the Managing Authority.

*Date:................... Signature Declarer: ..................*