**Letter of commitment to the Strategic research council proposal**

**“ILVES - ILVES: Ilmastomyönteiset ja vähäriskiset kuljetusratkaisut**

 **ILVES: Developing low carbon and low risk transport systems”**

Hereby Ministry of Traffic and Communication, Finland, commits to actively participate to the scientific advisory board of ILVES consortium.

The main aim of this proposal is to scientifically support the sustainable development in Finnish maritime activities and in Finnish food, export and import securities. The project is focusing on the low carbon emissions in Finnish maritime activities, on the development of new transportation along the Finnish inland waterways and on the oil spill risk management, on the food security of Finland as part of the worldwide markets. They are all key areas to Finnish economy.

Moreover, the development of scientific methods to better support the environmental and economic activities and policy designs is in important role in the proposal. If successfully funded, ILVES proposal will build on the established, earlier research and on innovation partnerships to find common answers to the challenges related to the market based and governmental management of transportation systems, sustainable low-carbon fuels and maritime safety.

We find these areas highly relevant for our ministry. We will provide expertise on the planning and implementation of legislation in traffic risk management. We offer systematic use of expertise to build up likely impact of laws and other control measures in a simple probability model. It is interesting to note, that the consortium is actively looking for interdisciplinary policy solutions.

We can allocate yearly altogether 5 expert working days to support ILVES consortium: 3 meetings of three hours in a year and the contribution of individual officers to policy design.

Helsinki, 23.4.2014

Signed by Matti Ministeri