**APPENDIX 1(a)**

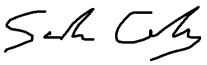
**Prompt Payments by Central Government Departments**

**Reporting Template pursuant to Government Decision S29296 of 19 May 2009 and 28 March 2017**

**Government Department:** Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

**Quarterly Period Covered: Quarter 1, 2026**

| Details | Number | Value (€) | Percentage (%) of total number of payments made |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Total payments made in Quarter** | 496 | 15,523,216.18 | 100% |
| **Payments made within 15 days** | 328 | 13,787,799.89 | 66.13% |
| **Payments made within 16 days to 30 days** | 130 | 1,637,596.98 | 26.21% |
| **Payments made in excess of 30 days that were subject to LPI and compensation costs** | 11 | 7,944.05 | 2.22% |
| **Payments made in excess of 30 days that were not subject to LPI and compensation costs** | 27 | 89,286.21 | 5.44% |
| **Amount of late payment interest (LPI) paid in Quarter** | N/A | 59.05 | N/A |
| **Amount of compensation costs paid in Quarter** | N/A | 530.00 | N/A |

**Signed:** 

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