**A letter from Line MATTHIESSEN, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, on the topic “expert evaluators”:**

As the Head of Unit of Infectious Diseases and Public Health of the DG RTD and Innovation of the European Commission,   I would like to inform you that the calls for independent experts for Horizon 2020 have been published (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:342:SOM:EN:HTML>). They are addressed to individuals for the establishment of a database of prospective independent experts and to organisations such as research agencies, research institutions, universities, standardisation organisations, civil society organisations or enterprises, to attract experts with the widest range of profiles needed for Horizon 2020. These include all the areas of research but also cross-cutting aspects such as:  innovation, SMEs, dissemination, knowledge transfer and intellectual property rights, social and economic sciences and humanities, sustainable development and international cooperation. The final expert database will be used, amongst others, to select expert evaluators and reviewers.

Your knowledge and experience in FP7 as individuals can be extremely helpful for managing Horizon 2020.  We would encourage you to register and/or update your file in the Research and Innovation Participant portal for experts. Please see instructions on how to register here below.

We are looking forward to our collaboration, should you need any question, please consult the expert Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section for details

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/faq.html#f13>), and if you have any additional question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The call can be found at: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal4/desktop/en/support/about.html> including the full text of the calls:

* For individuals:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/support/h2020_call-individual_experts_oj_c342_03.pdf>

* For organisations:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/support/h2020_call-relevant_organisations_oj_c342_03.pdf>

Please note that this e-mail is not a formal invitation and should not be regarded under any circumstances as a formal commitment by the Commission. Once we have collected all expressions of interest, we will have to match the expertise with the nature of upcoming call and the content of the received proposals.

Sincerely yours,

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