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Subject: Study on *'The role and impact of research organisations participation in the Framework Programmes'*

The European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) has commissioned Ernst&Young in consortium with Open Evidence and Technopolis Group as subcontractor, to carry out a study on the role and impact of research organisations participation in the Framework Programmes. The study is intended to explore the short and long-term scientific outcomes and impacts resulting from the participation of RTOs in the FPs. The study will shed light on the extent to which the FPs have encouraged the emergence of new trends in the evolution of the RTOs in Europe. In particular, the study will examine the impact of the FPs in improving the functioning of RTOs and in strengthening their competitiveness at both European and global level. It will also analyse the role of RTOs in the development of the FPs and EU research and innovation policy.

The results of the study will help in further understanding the effectiveness and efficiency of the Framework Programmes as well as in the design of new programmes. They will also be an input to the work of the FP7 ex post evaluation Expert Group.

The study foresees a series of interviews and case studies at the level of individual RTOs to obtain in-depth information on the pattern participation, on scientific output and impacts, on impact of FPs on different dynamics and evolutions of RTOs, on the contribution of RTOs to the development of FPs and the EU research policy. As a FP7 participant you may be contacted by Ernst&Young, Open Evidence or Technopolis Group in the context of this exercise.

Within the context of this study, any personal data accessed to and operated by the consortium or by DG RTD staff are processed solely for the purposes of the study and pursuant to Regulation (EC) 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of

such data. More details on the nature of the processing operations and the rights of data subjects are provided in the attached Service Specific Privacy Statement (SSPS).

We are aware that there are currently a number of surveys and interviews underway in the context of the FP7 ex-post Evaluation. We have sought to coordinate these so that FP participants will not be overburdened. We hope, therefore, that you will be able to respond to the request.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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