

Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation

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Dear Máire Geoghegan-Quinn,

I am very pleased that you launched an open process on how the European Union should support research and innovation in Europe beyond the 7th Framework with the green paper. In the green paper we are particularly pleased that you have proposed a Common Strategic Framework to succeed the current FP7, CIP and EIT.

On the basis of the Danish position paper, which I sent to you in March 2011 and on the basis of further consultations with Danish stakeholders, we have produced a reply to your green paper. It is my pleasure to send it to you.

In our reply we emphasise issues such as simplification and a strengthening of our efforts to increase Europe's competitiveness through an increased focus on innovation. I am very pleased to see that you also stress these issues in the green paper.

We also emphasise a strengthening of the European Research Council and European financing of research infrastructure. We hope these priorities will find resonance in the Commission and the rest of Europe.

Additionally, I would like to mention that Denmark is currently undergoing preparatory work in terms of Open Access to scientific publications in Denmark. In this regard, I would like to emphasise the need for an increased focus and close collaboration on the issue within the European Union.

I am looking forward to your formal proposal for a common strategic framework at the end of this year and to co-operate closely with you during the Danish EU Presidency in the first half of 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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