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*Proposal No 308908-2 - Acronym: e-HIGHWAY2050*

Dear Mr. SANCHIS,

Your proposal entitled: "Modular Development Plan of the Pan-European Transmission System 2050", has been favourably evaluated by the Commission services with the help of independent experts.

The attached evaluation summary report (ESR) reflects the comments of the independent experts and their advice to the Commission on the proposal. It does not necessarily reflect the views of the Commission or its services.

The Negotiation Mandate, which is the Commission's assessment of the issues to be addressed when negotiating the grant agreement, is included in Annex B to this letter.

Following the evaluation, and on the basis of the Negotiation Mandate, it is estimated that the maximum EU financial contribution could be up to 9000000 Euro for a period of up to 36 months. Please note that, as indicated in the Negotiation Mandate, you are expected to make some changes to the technical content ("description of work" which will form the future Annex I to the Grant Agreement) and also to the financial aspects of your proposal identified during the evaluation.

Accordingly, the Commission services wish to proceed to negotiations for a Grant Agreement on your proposal.

The **Grant Agreement Preparation Forms (GPFs)** are standard forms that collect the information that the Commission needs in order to prepare the grant agreement and provide programme-wide statistical information. GPFs prefilled with the information already in our files, and including information from your proposal, will be made available in a Web based electronic tool called NEF. You will soon receive an e-mail with the information required for accessing the system. Please check that the information provided is correct, let us know of any errors as soon as possible and begin to

collect any missing information. The GPFs must be completed in NEF for all participants (including those not requesting any funding).

Note that some information related to the existence and legal status of participants is read-only in NEF and can only be updated by the Legal Entity Appointed Representative (or LEAR) of the organisations concerned through the Participant Portal <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal>. Please ensure that all participants are aware of the need to appoint a LEAR. Further information on the process can be found in Annex C of this letter.

While draft versions of the GPFs can be exchanged electronically between the coordinator and the Commission (using the NEF programme), the final versions of the GPFs must be printed and signed by all participants. The final, signed version must be sent on paper and received by the Commission by the deadline specified in the Negotiation Mandate.

The **description of work** (which will form the future **Annex I** of the Grant Agreement) shall be based on the proposal submitted but needs to be updated if necessary. The negotiation of the description of work is also facilitated with the NEF tool. The use of this facility for the description of work is mandatory.

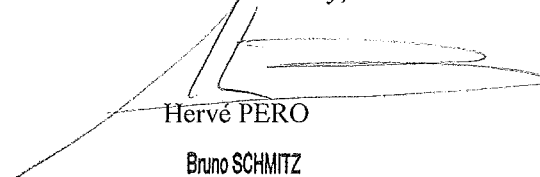
**Failure to respect the deadlines indicated in the negotiation mandate will be considered by the Commission as a wish not to enter into the negotiations for a grant agreement and, therefore, to withdraw your proposal. In such a case, the Commission will initiate the procedures to reject your proposal, unless alternative arrangements have been accepted by the Commission.**

This letter should not be regarded under any circumstances as a formal commitment by the Commission to provide financial support as this depends on the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations for a grant agreement and on the internal completion by the Commission of the formal selection process.

Please inform the other participants of the current situation, and contact the person indicated under point 3 of the Negotiation mandate (annex B) should you need further details concerning the drafting of the description of work, or concerning financial and administrative issues.

Other important and useful documents needed for the preparation of the Grant agreement can be found at the web addresses shown below and in Annex C.

Yours sincerely,



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Evaluation Summary Report: ESR (Annex A)  
Negotiation Mandate (Annex B)  
Further information for the negotiation (Annex C)