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Dear Commissioner Moedas,

I'm writing you in my capacity as [REDACTED] of the European Risk Forum (ERF), a Brussels based think tank specializing in the promotion of high quality risk management decisions by the EU Institutions.

In line with our longstanding efforts to promote the Innovation Principle, which we are grateful you have continuously supported throughout your tenure, the ERF has continued to pursue initiatives to foster a regulatory environment in Europe which stimulate competitiveness, growth and innovation. Part of this effort also includes our work on strengthening the role of science in EU policymaking.

In this context, the ERF will be organizing a high-level conference on 20 February 2018 on the topic of Better Regulation, Evidence and Scientific Integrity, in collaboration with the Bulgarian Presidency of the EU.

The event will bring together eminent scientists and policy-makers. It will examine links between scientific integrity, better regulation, and innovation. It will identify ways to ensure that only scientific data of appropriate quality are used to guide regulatory decision-making. And, it will highlight the importance for economic prosperity, growth and innovation of ensuring that regulations are based on the best available science.

The ERF would be delighted for you to deliver the opening address of the conference, and to share your insights as to how the role of science could be further strengthened in EU policymaking, and in so doing contribute to a regulatory environment that stimulates job creation, growth, and innovation across Europe.

You will find a more detailed description of the structure of our event in the accompanying programme.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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EUROPEAN RISK FORUM CONFERENCE
In Collaboration with the Bulgarian Presidency to the European Union

Scientific Integrity, Public Policy and Better Regulation

Tuesday 20 February 2018 (13h30-17h30, followed by a drinks reception)

Venue: UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Rue d'Egmont 11, B-1000 BRUSSELS

Used well, scientific evidence provides effective ways of identifying potential risks, protecting citizens, stimulating innovation, and using resources wisely. It enables governments to base actions on evidence derived from transparent, rational processes, enhancing accountability, trust, and effectiveness.

Delivering reforms that ensure regulatory decisions are based on the best available science is a natural complement to the EU's Better Regulation strategy. It is one of the most important ways of ensuring high standards of protection for Europe's people and environment, whilst at the same time helping to stimulate risk-takers to invest in the innovations needed to restore growth and prosperity.

Although the Better Regulation Guidelines commit the Commission to use the best available evidence in a transparent manner, significant steps still need to be taken to enhance the EU's governance framework and procedural requirements for the collection and use of scientific evidence. If regulatory processes are to be fully based on the best available science, then it is essential that quality standards, and supporting institutions, policies, and processes, are developed, adopted, and implemented.

This event, held with the support of Bulgarian Presidency of the EU and SAPEA, will bring together scientists, members of the EU's institutions, Member States, and other stakeholders. It will:

- Enhance the effectiveness of the Better Regulation agenda by highlighting the role of evidence, particularly science, in regulatory decision-making;
- Champion the development and implementation of quality standards, and supporting institutions, policies, and processes, for the scientific evidence used to guide the EU's regulatory decisions;
- Consider the importance for the well-being and prosperity of citizens of ensuring that EU policies, laws, and regulations are guided by scientific evidence that meets the evidentiary standards of the scientific method;
- Identify and review obstacles to achieving this goal;
- Highlight progress made by the EU institutions and recognise where more reform is needed;
- Outline specific ideas for the development of new, horizontal technical guidelines that would, if adopted, improve the quality of scientific evidence used to guide decision-making.

Possible programme

(The discussion will take place under the Chatham House Rule.)

13h30 **Welcome Coffee & Registration**

14h00 **Welcome by the Chair**

- Bulgarian Presidency

14h10 **Keynote Speakers**

- EU Commissioner Moedas
- [REDACTED] (Member of the Leopoldina, the German Academy of Sciences)

14h30 **Panel I – Public Policy & Scientific Integrity**

- *European Commission – Expert* ([REDACTED], DG RTD)
- *European Parliament (MEP Paul Rubig,* [REDACTED])
- [REDACTED] - SAPEA
- [REDACTED], Bayer [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED], [REDACTED] *Business Europe*

16h00 **Coffee Break**

16h10 **Panel II – Technical Guidance and the Evidentiary Standards of the Scientific Method**

- [REDACTED] European Risk Forum
- *Eminent Scientific Journalist - Integrity in Scientific Publishing*
- [REDACTED], *Sense About Science - Systematic Review*
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - *Scientific Advisers, Understanding Conflicts of Interest, Managing Biases*
- *Eminent Scientist - Epidemiological Evidence*

17h40 **Concluding remarks**

- EU Commissioner Katainen

18h00 **Drinks Reception- Speakers and attendees**