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**Subject: Grant Agreement n° 606740 - GENIUS**

**Contact:** Mr Stefano D'ORILIA, Tel.: +32 229 54660, email: Stefano.D'ORILIA@ec.europa.eu

Dear Mr Gutiérrez,

Following the successful end of the negotiations of the proposal mentioned above, the services of the Research Executive Agency (REA) will propose that the Commission takes an official decision for the REA to conclude a Grant Agreement with your consortium and to provide the proposed funding to carry out the work set out in the proposal.

Please find attached the draft Grant Agreement. We expect the Commission Decision to be taken in a near future, but in the meantime please initiate your internal procedures for the signature in order to accelerate the process.

Enclosed with this letter are detailed instructions regarding the draft Grant Agreement's signature, the accession by the other beneficiaries and its transmission to the REA.

Two originals of the Grant Agreement must be printed, signed and transmitted to the REA within 15 working days of receipt of this letter.

**Failure to meet the deadline may lead to a decision by the REA not to continue with the funding of this proposal.**

Please note that this draft Grant Agreement is not a formal commitment to conclude a Grant Agreement with your organisation and the other members of the consortium. Financial support depends on the Commission Decision and the completion of all related procedures prior to the signature of the Grant Agreement. Also, if any of the other beneficiaries do not accede to the Grant Agreement within the deadline established in Article 1 of the Grant Agreement, the REA may terminate the Grant Agreement.

After the Commission Decision has been taken and provided that the necessary EU funds are available, we will return to you a copy of the Grant Agreement signed by the REA. The Grant Agreement will enter into force in conformity with the provisions of its Articles 3 and 11.

Yours sincerely,

Christine BERNOT

Enclosures: Information and instructions on Grant Agreement signature and transmission  
Draft of the core Grant Agreement  
Annex I (Description of Work - Part A and Part B)  
Annex II (General Conditions)  
Annex IV (Form A – Accession of beneficiaries to the Grant Agreement)  
Annex V (Form B – Request for accession of a new beneficiary to the Grant Agreement)  
Annex VI (Form C – Financial statement per funding scheme)  
Annex VII (Form D – Terms of reference for the certificate on the financial statements and Form E – Terms of reference for the certificate on the methodology)

### **Information and instructions on Grant Agreement signature and transmission**

1. Please indicate above the signature of the authorised legal representative of your organisation his or her name and function (the position held by that person in the organisation e.g. President, Managing Director etc). If the authorised legal representative indicated in the preamble of the draft Grant Agreement is not the person having signed it, please indicate, in the accompanying letter the reason for this and confirm the legal authorisation of the person having signed.
2. Please stamp and indicate the date of signature by your organisation.
3. Please initial each page of two copies of the draft core Grant Agreement.
4. Two signed originals of the draft core Grant Agreement should be returned to the following address by **express courier**:

Research Executive Agency (REA)  
Unit S2 – Space Research  
Single Entry Point  
COV2 17/143  
B-1049 Brussels  
Belgium

When returning your signed Grant Agreement to REA, please include a signed and dated cover letter containing the following phrase:

*I certify that no modification has been brought to the Grant Agreement N° 606740 as sent by the Research Executive Agency.*

Any modification that has not been discussed and agreed with our services will not be taken into consideration.

5. Send a copy of the draft Grant Agreement to each of the beneficiaries identified in Article 1.1 of the draft Grant Agreement (except for the Joint Research Centre of the Commission) and invite them to start their own internal procedures to sign and return to you their completed Form A. Your organisation must then countersign the Forms A signed by the other beneficiaries.
6. If the Forms A are available before the deadline for returning your copies of the draft Grant Agreement, you may send them to the REA together with your signed originals of the draft Grant Agreement. **However**, the Forms A filled in by all the other beneficiaries may be sent to the REA within the deadline specified in Article 1.2 of the Grant Agreement, even though this is after the entry into force of the Grant Agreement. Therefore, **you should not delay the signature of the draft Grant Agreement by your organisation beyond the time limit mentioned in this letter.**
7. Once all the beneficiaries have provided their Forms A and the legal representative of your organisation has countersigned them you must forward them to the REA within the period established by Article 1.2 of the Grant Agreement.

8. After the Grant Agreement has been signed by the coordinator and the REA, the REA may provide the pre-financing to you within the deadline established by Article 6 of the Grant Agreement. Where the other beneficiaries have not yet acceded to the Grant Agreement by the time the pre-financing reaches your organisation's bank account, you must ensure that you do not distribute it until at least the minimum number of beneficiaries has acceded to the Grant Agreement and that it is distributed only to those beneficiaries who have acceded to the Grant Agreement.