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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Directorate C - Clean Planet **The Director**

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Dear Sir, / Dear Madam,

The European Commission (Directorate-General for Research & Innovation) has commissioned the independent "Evaluation study on the European Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation for addressing Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness – Focus on activities related to the green transition – RTD/2021/SC/023". This evaluation study is coordinated by AIT (Austrian Institute of Technology) in collaboration with Technopolis Ltd., Fraunhofer ISI, Kerlen Evaluation, Science Metrix and ZSI (Center for Social Innovation).

The study will be an important contribution to the ex-post evaluation of Horizon 2020 and the interim evaluation of Horizon Europe in the impact area "Green Transition". The overall objective of this study is to draw lessons from the programming and implementation of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe. Furthermore, it will assess the long-term impacts of Framework Programme activities in relation to the EU's ambition for a green transition of its society. Finally, the study will identify evidence-based recommendations for Horizon Europe.

The evaluation study covers both process and impact-related questions, which is why a broad mix of qualitative and quantitative analytical approaches is applied. The methods used include the creation of an intervention logic, qualitative document analyses, case studies, quantitative surveys, a consultation strategy and benchmarking.

We believe that your knowledge and expertise in the field can strongly contribute to answering the evaluation questions addressed by the study and would highly appreciate your contribution.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed) Rosalinde van der Vlies