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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF

Mr Frank Zander (KPMG manager responsible to carry out the assessment)

Subject: Report on the aggregated level of in-kind contributions

I, the undersigned Bart Biebuyck, hereby certify that the aggregated level of in-kind contributions at 31/12/2019 (same cut-off date as the one used for the preparation of the 2019 provisional accounts) amounts to **468,372,623.81 €** as detailed in the attached report.

This amount corresponds to the aggregated level of in-kind contributions taking into consideration the latest available information in accordance with the 'FCH JU Methodology for in-kind contributions' approved by the Governing Board on 10 February 2012.

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Enclosures:

- Note to the file
- Report on the aggregated level of in-kind contributions as of 31/12/2017

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Report on the aggregated level of in-kind contributions at 31/12/2019

According to the FCH JU Methodology for in-kind contributions, a report on the aggregated level of in-kind contributions has to be prepared by the Programme Office for the same cut-off date as the preparation of the annual accounts (e.g. 31/12/2019).

The report should follow the methodology of calculation of the in-kind contributions as adopted by the Governing Board and has to show the level of in-kind contributions per call and project, taking into account the latest available information at the cut-off date (categorising the projects in one of the 3 stages defined by the methodology). The procurement studies are not covered by this report, as they don't have any associated costs as in-kind contributions.

All call for proposals under FP7 legacy have been published and grants awarded accordingly; therefore no negotiations are currently opened, meaning that there are no projects in 1st stage.

For all projects (from calls for proposals published under AIPs 2008-2013) the figures presented are the budget data estimated per project in the latest Grant Preparation Forms (GPFs) and related Annex 1 (Description of Work) as uploaded in the grant monitoring IT tool CPM (Contract and Project Management tool). These figures reflect either the status at the signature of the grant agreement (2nd stage projects, according to the above mentioned methodology) or after the amendments which imply modifications of budget and final payment letters for finished projects (3rd stage respectively). Same figures are reflected in the paper version of the documents (signed grant agreements, amendments or payment letters).

The raw data have been obtained from CORDA database (dump of data at 08/01/2019). For finished projects (with final payment implemented), these data have been cross-checked with final payments database from ABAC system, provided to us by the financial department; therefore, the final figures reported here represent the final payments data which replace the budget data from CORDA. It should be mentioned that although CORDA database is synchronised with ABAC, it doesn't always contain accurate cost figures or takes into account payments for all projects (e.g. payments executed in early stage of FCH JU, while ABAC was not synchronised with CORDA). Moreover, CORDA doesn't contain audit adjustments figures (see below); therefore CORDA was only used for raw budget data.

In addition, adjustments following ex-post audits have been taken into account only if implemented (i.e. payments/recovery orders and consequent update of validated in-kind contributions) in the finished projects by the cut-off date (based on the information provided by the financial department on 15/01/2020).

This report is the ninth prepared by the Programme Office/Operations and Communications Unit and it addresses also the main recommendations of the findings of previous audits for mitigating the risk errors. Accordingly, we confirm that a better cross-check has been implemented in the 'excel tool' to avoid missing any finished project and provide the accurate final payment data, instead of automatic raw budget data provided by CORDA.

In conclusion, the aggregated level of the in-kind contributions at the 31/12/2019 amounts to 468,372,623.68€ as detailed for the different calls below (the further details per project are presented in the aggregated annexed table):

Calls	Total costs (€)	FCH contribution (€)	In-kind contribution, excl. JRC (€)	JRC contribution (€)
FCH-JU-2008-1	54,828,592.75	24,073,936.30	30,582,104.50	172,551.95
FCH-JU-2009-1	173,050,865.07	67,397,916.37	104,550,010.68	1,102,938.02
FCH-JU-2010-1	147,801,733.11	66,900,676.56	80,639,291.45	261,765.10
FCH-JU-2011-1	214,621,802.86	108,058,283.33	105,310,160.70	1,253,358.83
FCH-JU-2012-1	125,937,212.19	62,555,865.52	62,331,292.41	1,050,054.26
FCH-JU-2013-1	127,891,450.45	65,784,799.40	61,663,664.93	442,986.12
FCH-JU-2013-2	38,710,298.62	15,414,199.61	23,296,099.01	-
Grand Total	882,841,955.05	410,185,677.09	468,372,623.68	4,283,654.28