Chère Madame,

First of all I want to warmly thank you for the extensive meeting we had last week on the questions regarding the Regulatory framework for the EU funded research programmes (including financial and staff regulations).

We were very much impressed about the in depth work you already have done and are happy to contribute to further developments of your paper.

Please find enclosed the two papers the EUROHORCs has published:

- "EU Regulatory Framework for Research Actions Basic Principles for Robust Rules", send to the DG BUDG on the 17 December 2009 following the consultation on the financial regulation.
- "Simplifying the implementation of the research framework programmes -Key elements", as reaction to the Commission's communication on "Simplification".

As I explained you, I'm chairing the EUROHORCs Working Group on the "Regulatory framework and Simplification" who will continue its efforts during this year 2010. We strongly believe the European Research Area will never succeed its ambitious objectives without taking up the challenge of a research-adapted regulatory frame.

You will find further information on the EUROHORCs on the following website: <u>http://www.eurohorcs.org/E/Pages/aims.aspx</u>

Je reste à votre disposition,

Cordiales salutations Monica Dietl

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