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Invitation for a meeting organised in the context of the Horizon 2020 PSF Specific Support to Georgia

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia expressed its interest in receiving Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility advice and recommendations on how to tackle three research and innovation (R&I) policy issues: (1) Support in identification of promising research fields; (2) Measures for narrowing the gap between research and industry/business, and (3) A proposal for the performance-based funding of research entities.

We would like to invite you, or a representative of your organisation, to meet the PSF Panel of experts from Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and the UK during their second mission to Georgia, in Tbilisi on 5-8 February 2018.

During the first mission, which took place on 4-7 December 2017, the PSF Panel of experts had meetings with Georgian authorities and representatives of stakeholders involved in R&I policies, discussed challenges in the above mentioned three issues and collected views on possible solutions.

The second mission will focus on:

- Presenting the Panel's visions for interventions and solutions to address the challenges in the three focus areas
- Gathering additional views of stakeholders that could not be met in the first mission
- Discussing and testing the viability of the proposed solutions with Georgian stakeholders.

In Annex 4 we provide a synthesis of the analysis of the challenges and propose a variety of possible solutions in each focus area, which we would like to discuss. The discussions will be organised in small groups of stakeholders representing similar interests (depending on the specific situation). As follow-up, written comments and reflections will also be invited from you.

After the mission, the Panel will formulate recommendations to the Georgian government and prepare a report which will include analysis of challenges in the focus areas and in the overall R&I system in the country, presenting details on possible solutions and illustrated with examples of practices that can serve as models to follow.



The PSF specific support context and process are described in Annex 1, the composition of the Panel is outlined in Annex 3. The draft programme of the visit is included in Annex 2.

Should you require any further information on the objective and methodology of the review you can contact the responsible policy officer in the European Commission: Mrs Diana Senczyszyn (email: diana.senczyszyn@ec.europa.eu, tel. +32-2-299.33.76) and PSF project manager Asel Doranova (email: asel.doranova@technopolis-group.com, tel. +32 470 109 882)

We look forward to our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-Chairs of the PSF Panel of experts

Annex 1 – PSF Georgia fact sheet

Annex 2 – Draft agenda of the PSF Panel visit in Georgia

Annex 3 – PSF Panel of experts

Annex 4 – Synthesis of the analysis, and proposals for solutions to address challenges in the three focus areas (discussion points for the meetings)