

Vienna, Feb.8, 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Subject: Invitation for a meeting organised in the context of the independent Peer Review of the Polish R&I system under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility**

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The Polish authorities expressed their interest in participating in the Peer Review of the Polish R&I system under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility in a letter of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science and Higher Education of Poland, Jaroslaw Gowin to Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation of European Commission, Carlos Moedas. I would like to invite you/a representative of your organisation to meet the PSF Peer Review Panel during the forthcoming visit in Warsaw on 7-10 March 2017.

The results of this review will be used as an important evidence base for two legislative projects, namely the new law on higher education and the one on public research institutes (the so-called "Law 2.0") which are being developed in Poland with the wide participation of stakeholders. It is also expected the work to be carried out will contribute to developing a post- 2020 perspective for the restructuring of the Polish science and higher education system.

The Panel composed by five independent experts from Austria, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, and Sweden, in addition to three peer experts being senior ministry officials from Austria, Belgium and Sweden will meet Polish authorities involved in R&I policies as well as representatives of research organisations, science and higher education institutions. The discussions will be organised in small groups of stakeholders representing similar interests. The Panel invites you to bring along or send in advance to the Rapporteur, namely Mrs Jaana Puukka ([jaana.puukka@gmail.com](mailto:jaana.puukka@gmail.com)) suggestions or documentation you consider important but please do not prepare any presentations.

The PSF Peer Review context and process as well as the composition of the Panel are described in Annex 1. The programme of the visit is outlined in Annex 2.

In this context, I would be most grateful if you would provide assistance to the experts by accepting this invitation and further requests you may receive during the course of this review. Should you require any further information on the objective and methodology of the review you can contact the responsible policy officer in the Commission: Mrs Diana Senczyszyn (email: [Diana.Senczyszyn@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Diana.Senczyszyn@ec.europa.eu), tel. 32-2-299.33.76).

Looking forward to our future exchanges.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Georg Winckler

Chair of the Poland's Peer Review Panel

Annex 1 – PSF Poland country visit information note.

Annex 2 – Draft agenda of the PSF Peer Review Panel visit in Poland.