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Dear Mr van den Dries

Thank you very much for the letter of 30 May 2005 to Commissioners Potočník, Verheugen, Kyprianou, Dimas and myself, and for expressing interest in the establishment of a European Technology Platform on Electro Magnetic Compatibility and Electro Magnetic Fields. I reply on behalf of my colleagues.

Our services have looked into your proposal concerning the opportunity for a Platform in this field. As you know, Technology Platforms are created at the initiative of industry and the research community and the role of the European Commission is that of a facilitator. Our approach though is to focus the development of Platforms on the areas where they can bring real value. It is based on the following principles :

- The theme of the Platform should correspond to a well defined area of research of high economic and societal relevance where achieving Europe's future growth, competitiveness and sustainability objectives is dependant upon major research and technological advances..*
- The key stake holders should be committed to pool together resources towards the achievement of common research and technology development goals.*
- There should be a clear need for, and benefits from structuring and coordinating the research effort in the proposed field and from linking research with policy measures such as regulation or deployment policies.*

In the field of ICT, there are already four Technology Platforms established by the sector actors, namely in the fields of Nano-electronics, Embedded Systems, Mobile Communications and Networked and Electronic Media. As highlighted in your letter, all the existing ICT Platforms need to be concerned with research on Electromagnetic Compatibility and electromagnetic fields.

There are also other existing Technology Platforms outside the ICT sector that are of major relevance to EMC, in particular in the areas of aeronautics, space and transport.

We think therefore that a further analysis should be undertaken regarding the best approach for developing a research agenda in this field. This could be addressed either as part of the research agendas in the existing Technology Platforms or as a separate topic on its own.

The Commission services involved will come back to you shortly concerning the organization of a possible meeting in Brussels to discuss this issue further.

Yours sincerely

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