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Dear Frank,

After some time I now come back to your initiative.

Having listened to Thierry's presentation the Inter Service Group clearly recognized the importance of the EMC issue and noted its horizontal character which cross-cuts several existing technology platforms. It was also noted that the platform deals with dual use technology.

The group considered that rather than setting up a dedicated platform, it could be more effective to create links with existing platforms. Moreover other possible solutions to support stakeholders in working together in a coordinated way (e.g. Networks of Excellence, horizontal/support groups with a recognised status) have been suggested.

A lot of companies involved in your initiative are also participating in other 6 ETPs. Therefore, at this stage the most appropriate way to proceed for you and your partners is to try to get in touch with the relevant persons in charge of these ETPs in your companies. As a result the possible synergies between the existing platforms and your initiative should emerge.

If you need any information concerning the names of the persons in the other ETPs, please do not hesitate to come back to us. The same is true for any other relevant information you might need.

I hope this suggestion is acceptable for you and your partners.

Best regards
Corrado