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**Subject: Conference – *Planning the future Knowledge Base for Evaluation*
30 September 2011**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Given the preparation of the future Horizon 2020 programme and in the wake of the interim evaluation of FP7, now is an ideal time to host a conference for a more detailed look at the stock of evaluation evidence and to consider plans for the future.

This conference should draw conclusions on methods used, their validity, gaps and weaknesses, as well as priorities in the preparation of advanced planning for the forthcoming ex-post evaluation of FP7 by 2015.

The conference will be organised by the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, on *Friday, 30 September 2011, from 09.30 to 16.30*, at the following venue:

***European Commission
Centre Conférence Albert Borschette (CCAB)
Meeting Room AB-1D
Rue Froissart 36
B-1040 Brussels***

I very much hope you will be able to attend this conference and thereby contribute to the form and content of future EU research evaluation activities.

Space is strictly limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no conference fee for this event but participants are expected to cover their own travel expenses. To register, please send your full contact details to my colleague, Anne-Sophie Paquez (anne-sophie.paquez@ec.europa.eu).

Yours faithfully,



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Annex: Draft conference programme