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Subject: Your email of 15 th November

Dear Ms Schriver,

Executive Vice-President Vestager and Commissioner Kyriakides would like to thank you for your email of 15 November 2022 on the Nordic Appeal on 5G and have asked me to reply on their behalf.

We note that you had sent a similar request on 19 December 2021, to which we provided a detailed reply with the letter of 21 January 2022 (enclosed again for your convenience).

In our letter of 21 January 2022 we referred to a call for proposals on potential health effects of EMF¹ with an indicative budget of €30 million launched under the new Research and Innovation Framework Horizon Europe.

We would like to take this opportunity to update you, informing that four proposals were selected in this call and started their activities in July 2022. These projects cover different aspects of the impacts of EMFs on health; some using a planetary health approach others including occupational settings and different life stages. These projects are organized in a cluster which fosters inter-project collaborations and coordinated communication and dissemination to the policy sector and the society. The cluster is going to create a website that you can consult to follow the developments of the projects.

In the same letter, we also informed you that in June 2021, the Commission mandated the SCHEER Committee to provide a new Opinion on the need for a technical revision of the annexes to the Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC and Directive 2013/35/EU for the frequency range 100 kHz to 300 GHz in view of the latest scientific evidence available.

¹ [HORIZON-HLTH-2021-ENVHLTH-02-0](#): Exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) and health

This opinion was published for public consultation from 22 August to 25 September 2022. The SCHEER Committee received 228 inputs to the preliminary opinion, which are carefully analysed; we expect to publish the final opinion together with the results of the public consultation by April 2023.

Finally, a second Opinion on potential health effects of electromagnetic fields on the frequency range 1Hz to 100 KHz is being developed and it is scheduled to be published for public consultation by July 2023.

I can ensure you that the Commission is taking your concerns seriously and remains committed to supporting work on new research and risk assessment on the potential health effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Unit