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NOTE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Mid-term evaluation of Erasmus+

The European Commission (DG Education and Culture) has launched the mid-term evaluation of the Erasmus+ Programme (including the evaluation of long-term impact of the predecessor programmes)¹.

The evaluation is being carried out by a well-established external consultant (ICF Consulting Services Limited, in partnership with Technopolis and GfK), selected by the Commission on the basis of a tender procedure. ICF is assigned to collect the views of all major stakeholders with an appropriate geographical coverage, and to provide objective replies to all evaluation questions, covering all fields and actions of the programmes (education and training, youth and sport). The evaluation assignment started in June 2016 and will run until end of July 2017.

The consultant carries out various activities including, but not limited to:

- **Administering surveys.** The surveys will target participants in the current programme Erasmus+, beneficiaries from predecessor programmes as well as non-participants to measure the difference the programme is making.
- **Conducting a public consultation.** The public consultation will be used as an opportunity to confirm or disconfirm some of the hypothesis arising from initial analysis.
- **Analysing the functioning of the Erasmus+ Student Loan Guarantee².** The analysis will draw on existing monitoring data, surveys undertaken at student fairs and interviews with key stakeholders to collect their views on the attractiveness of the facility and the communication channels used.
- **Assessing an e-Twinning Plus pilot** for which interviews (with teachers, Partner Support Agencies and the Central Support Service) and a survey of teachers taking part in eTwinning Plus will be carried out.

¹ See published evaluation Roadmap:

http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/roadmaps/docs/2015_eac_014_evaluation_erasmus_en.pdf

² The new EU scheme to facilitate the mobility of Master students by easing their access to finance

Through this letter, I would like to kindly invite you to give all possible assistance and information to ICF as requested when they contact you. Your cooperation is much appreciated and I'd like to thank you for this in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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