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Dear [redacted] 5.1.2e [redacted] 5.1.2e,

This morning there was a long meeting between [redacted] 5.1.2e ([redacted] 5.1.2e), [redacted] 5.1.2e [redacted] 5.1.2e (NIVEL) and [redacted] 5.1.2e [redacted] 5.1.2e (you say: [redacted] 5.1.2e) (She is a third partner in the consortium and works at the RCSI, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, linked to a University). We discussed potential future activities among others a possible project to identify 'implementable research results' from the EC research databases (including finding best practices in terms of effective interventions), the identification of best practices in general practice. But central and important for the short term is a question about COVID measures recommended by the EC and their implementation in EU Member States.

I enclose a still rather long general description by [redacted] 5.1.2e [redacted] 5.1.2e (which I commented upon earlier) that describes the general underlying questions by the Commission people and the possible long answer. The general questions is: Did the Member States follow EC recommendations (and why not?) and were these effective? The latter question is of course problematic. It is also 'sensitive' as the EC does not want to 'blame' countries for not following up the recommendations....so we are discouraged to ask the countries directly...

As always they also need the answer **yesterday**...So we decided that we may do a two step proposal....first a very quick mapping exercise for a limited number of items taken from the larger set of recommendations and second a deeper analysis involving other steps and questions, a.o. what were the reasons if countries did not (or not yet) comply (there may have been legal, financial, practical, political impediments).

In a practical sense [redacted] 5.1.2e indicated that at the NIVEL side he could possibly 'free' someone rather quickly for 2 days a week for several weeks (starting quite soon). I indicated that I would discuss a similar option on our side, by looking if [redacted] 5.1.2e would like to participate for two days a week in this exercise (first for a few weeks, depending on the rest of the grant, possibly later as well for an hourly input still to agree upon).

I enclose [redacted] 5.1.2e longer document. He will now very quickly produce a one page proposal (and budget) for the research to be done, part of which, as I said, to be done very quickly (before half December). We have, however, already found several good and reliable sources at international organizations and universities that have published country responses to the COVID-epidemic.

So please have a quick look. I will send [redacted] 5.1.2e shorter proposal as soon as I have it and make an appointment with [redacted] 5.1.2e [redacted] 5.1.2e and [redacted] 5.1.2e to at least get acquainted with each other and possibly see how we can collaborate in this project.

Kindest regards,

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