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The Director-General

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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR F.-H. BRUENER**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL OLAF**

**Subject: Cooperation RTD.A.4 / OLAF.C.4 on an enhanced risk-based auditing project**

DG RTD, in a similar way to the other DGs of the Research family, has developed a multi-approach audit strategy which includes a risk-based analysis component in view of fraud prevention and stronger detection capabilities.

We are aware of the successful implementation of a cooperation project between OLAF and DG INFSO called PLUTO on an enhanced risk-based auditing. On 13 October 2008, colleagues from unit RTD.A.4 "External Audits" had the opportunity to participate in a presentation organised by DG INFSO in cooperation with unit OLAF.C.4 on the main features of the PLUTO initiative. On the basis of the positive experience achieved in DG INFSO with regard to a better selection and focus of risk-based audits, DG RTD and in particular unit RTD.A.4 would like to launch a similar cooperation project with unit OLAF.C.4 "Operational Intelligence".

If our proposal meets your approval, DG RTD will take the initiative to arrange a meeting with OLAF representatives to discuss on how to further proceed with the implementation of the project. I understand that preliminary contacts at operational level have already been made between our services in this respect.

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