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Subject: [Re] Congratulation letter from ETRMA transmitting the lack of funding for industry research

Dear Mr Cinaralp,

Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans would like to thank you for your appreciation of the European Green Deal and for your request regarding the RUBB ENDURE proposals. He has asked me as Director General in charge of Research and Innovation to reply to you.

I truly believe that the European Green Deal will be for the benefit of the European citizens and the European Economy and I therefore appreciate your support for this policy initiative that comes with your message and your submitted research proposal.

We have received a very positive response to the call "Raw materials innovation for the circular economy: sustainable processing, reuse, recycling and recovery schemes", not only in terms of the number of applications, but also their quality. Therefore, despite the large budget earmarked for the topic, the high quality of applications resulted in many above-threshold proposals being relegated to the reserve list, including RUBB ENDURE.

Should there be a residual budget, we will be further evaluating the possibility of financing additional proposals. In this process, we will carefully assess all the options available across the topics in order to maximise the impact of the research investment.

Moreover, mobilising industry for a clean and circular economy is one of the key priorities of the European Green Deal. It is therefore very likely that similar research activities will continue in the next programming period and there will be further opportunities for proposals in this area. We encourage the consortium to consider the feedback received from the evaluation and to re-apply in the future.

Yours sincerely,

For the Director General absent
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