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Subject: reply to the letter sent on 30 March 2015

Dear Mr Rebuffi,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 30 March 2015, in which you voice your concerns with the results of the 2014 call of the Horizon 2020 Secure Societies Challenge.

Regarding your comments on issues which may be addressed in the short term, such as the selection of experts and the evaluation of proposals, I am pleased to inform you that we are currently assessing together with our colleagues at the Research Executive Agency the ways and means to improve the process.

We also take due note of your suggestions to improve various aspects of rules and regulations of Horizon 2020. I am sure that they will be taken into account during the overall assessment of Horizon 2020.

The support to the competitiveness of the European Industry through research is indeed one of the key targets of Horizon 2020: You will have noted that over 25% of the topics in the 2015 Call for proposals of the Horizon 2020 Secure Societies Challenge comprises are calling for Innovation Actions, instead of 5% in 2014 when the Challenge focused more on topics in social and human sciences.

I hope this will lead to a considerable increase of the interest and participation of Industry and other EOS members, some of which are already among the largest beneficiaries of the grants allocated to the 2014 Call.

Yours sincerely,

Matthias Ruete