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Dear Dr Kanygin and Prof Popov,

I thank you for your letter of 1 October regarding the creating of the Russian Technology Platform “Industrial biotechnology and bioenergy”. As you will know, we have actively supported a close collaboration with Russian researchers as part of the Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and Biotechnology theme within the seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7). Across FP7, we also support a range of long standing European Technology Platforms, including that on Sustainable Chemistry (Suschem).

FP7 recognises the strengths of international cooperation in research based on mutual interest and mutual benefit, and has a significant portfolio of projects with international, including Russian, partners. It is, therefore, heartening to see that the Suschem platform is positive about interacting with your own platform which appears to be a constructive development.

You will also be aware that there is a call within the current work-programme for extending the mandate of the Industrial Biotechnology ERA-net, which would provide options for international partners within this developing field.

I look forward to seeing the fruits of the close Russian-European collaboration in industrial biotechnology research and wish you well with your venture.

Yours sincerely,

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