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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

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Subject: **The EU needs you more than ever. Join us in the #EUvsVirus hackathon!**

Dear Friend,

First and foremost, we hope this email finds you well and that both you and your close ones are **safe and healthy**.

As you well know, the whole world and very significantly our home, **Europe**, are living through an unprecedented crisis due to the COVID-19 epidemic. We should join forces to respond successfully to the common challenge. And **integrity is a core value** for Europe, which is also a home for your Foundation.

For this reason, we are honoured to invite you to **become a partner of [EUvsVirus](#)**, a pan-European non-profit online hackathon led by the European Commission and the teams organising national hackathons in EU member states and beyond. The hackathon, organised **between 24 and 26 April 2020**, will bring together international teams to suggest new solutions to challenges or adapt and scale-up the existing ones. We aim at gathering **60.000 people in 300 virtual teams** to collaborate to bring their solutions to the next level and in a tight time.

Mrs Mariya Gabriel, **European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth**, has launched the #EUvsVirus hackathon [online](#). The College of Commissioners and many partners, including leading European companies, have already endorsed the initiative.

We are looking for partner Foundations to help us on **the following fronts**:

1. **Spreading the word and promoting** the initiative (and its results) across Europe through your established communication channels to ensure projects fit the needs of their audience.
2. **Offering pro bono support** by contributing mentors for the teams or jury members
3. **Contributing with perks** to the projects participating in and/or winning the hackathon (e.g. funding, sponsorship, scholarships, etc.) to foster timely and mass adoption of promising solutions.
4. **Other support** that may help us have high societal impact.

The value of your Foundation joining our initiative is limitless, and we would be delighted to have you on board and adapt to your preferences and level of commitment.

Please provide us with feedback on your participation by filling in the survey [here](#). Based on your response we will contact you soon with further information. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you on board.

For more information regarding the hackathon, please see our website EUvsVirus.org.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further enquiries in RTD-PAN-EUROPEAN-COVID-HACKATHON@ec.europa.eu

Europe deserves bringing out the best of us.

#EUvsVirus

Yours sincerely,

#EUvsVirus Hackathon Partnerships Team