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Dear Colleagues,

I thank you very much for the letter you sent me on 26 May concerning the extending of the "Synergies and Efficiencies" exercise to the Ispra site, with your proposal for the transfer of support functions from the JRC to OIB and PMO.

You do indeed raise a number of valid points, which have already been subject to careful analysis of the service in charge.

In particular, in September 2015, Mr Sucha, Director General of the JRC, established a working group to analyse possible options to enhance the working processes and related structure for infrastructure governance in place within the JRC, taking into account possible synergies with OIB.

This working group looked at several scenarios, with different level of responsibility for OIB, for infrastructure governance of all JRC sites. Many relevant questions have been addressed, for example whether governance should be based on scientific- or classical infrastructure-focused priorities; which responsibilities should be assigned to OIB; what staff should be transferred to OIB; and the question of the creation of centralised/decentralised entities.

In November 2015, the Director General of JRC decided that the best way forward was to create a dedicated entity within JRC to ensure the infrastructure governance for all JRC sites. This entity has been included in the proposal for reorganisation of the JRC which has been adopted by the College on 25 May 2016.

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I thank you again for having shared your ideas and I wish you full success in contributing to the implementation of the JRC strategic plan. I hope to be able to visit Ispra again in the future and meet with you on that occasion. In the meantime, let me thank you for your continued work and engagement.

Yours sincerely,

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